

2014

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF EASTON



2014: THE OPENING OF THE PROSPECT STREET SOLAR ARRAY

On April 30, 2014, the Town of Easton, Borrego Solar Systems, and leaders from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts joined our residents at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completed Prospect Street solar array. This array will generate renewable electricity that will save approximately \$200,000 in municipal energy costs annually.

Financed by Borrego Solar through a power purchase agreement (PPA) that covered all upfront costs, the 1.9-megawatt (MW) Prospect Street landfill solar project will save the Town of Easton nearly \$4,500,000 over the course of the 20-year contract. The quantity of electricity produced annually by the installation is equivalent to the quantity consumed by 235 single-family homes in one year, and is part of Easton's overall commitment to sustainability.

History:

In the fall of 2010, the Town of Easton met with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss potential reuse of the closed landfill property for the development of solar energy facilities. The State generally encourages this type of use and provided technical assistance and guidance on next steps. In the spring of 2011, the Planning and Zoning Board held several Zoning Subcommittee meetings and a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw that would allow ground-mounted solar facilities at the closed Prospect Street Landfill, Southeastern Technical Regional Vocational High School and Town-owned Water Department land. The changes to the Zoning Bylaw were approved at May 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

The Town submitted a Notice of EMS Procurement and a copy of the RFP to DOER for review. The DOER issued an Acknowledgement of Receipt stating that the Town's submittal was complete and could be published. The Town then published the RFP in the Central Register and on the Town's website. A community meeting was held on October 11, 2011 to discuss the status of the RFP process and to receive feedback. The Town received five proposals in response to the RFP from interested firms. The proposals were opened publicly on November 2, 2011 and reviewed by an internal review committee. The committee reviewed the proposals based on the evaluation criteria included in the RFP which included the following: completeness of the proposal; consultant experience and project approach; project schedule; and proper certification. On November 28, 2011, the Board of Selectmen voted to designate Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. as the preferred developer.



TOWN OF EASTON 2014

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Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	23,112 (2010 Fed Census) 22,937 (2014 Town Census)
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2014	\$2,916,678,289
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON 2014

CONGRESSMEN

Elizabeth Warren, US Senator
Edward Markey, US Senator
Joseph Kennedy III, Representative in Congress, 4th Congressional District

STATE SENATORS

Thomas P Kennedy, (D-Brockton)- 2nd Plymouth & Bristol (Pcts 1 &2)
Brian A Joyce (D-Milton)- Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

Claire Cronin (D-Easton) - 11th Plymouth District (Pcts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) – 3rd Bristol District (Pct 6)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Robert Jubinville (D-Milton)- 2nd District (Pct 3,4,5,6)
Christopher A Iannella, Jr. (D-Boston)- 4th District (Pcts 1,2)

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

	TERM EXP.		TERM EXP.
<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST</u>		<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>	
Dan Burke	2015	Brenden Creedon	2015
Steve Merlin	2015	Timothy Duffy	2015
Donna Bonia	2016	Patrick Martin	*
Paula Piccinin	2016	Timothy McCaul	2017
Christine Santoro	2016	Jason Parks	2016
Nikki Dostoomian	2015	Jonathan Chase	2016
Dottie Fulginiti	2015		
		<u>CONSTABLES</u>	
<u>AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION</u>		Robert Bishop	2015
Peter Palm	2016	Jerold Loomis	2016
Todd Sandstrum	2017	Scott Douglas	*
Rory O'Dwyer	*	Michael Goldberg	*
Edmund Hands	2017	Lance Cohen	*
Sean Flynn	2015	Margaret Carey	2017
Janice Narsasian	2015	James Carey	*
Rosa Galeno	2016	James T. Hartford	2015
Kathryn O'Dwyer	2017	Brent Peterson	2015
		William Scharnick	2015
		Brian Flavin	2017
<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>		David Martell	2017
Michael Spillane, Alternate Member	2015		
Thomas A. Pursley	2018		
Paul Prew, Alternate	2015	<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>	
Walter Mirrione	2019	Delores M. Kent, Director	*
David Mills	2016	Rose Friedeborn-Chair	2016
Ryan Cook	2017	Jean Shearing	2017
Conrod Boone - Alternate Member	2016	Nicolina Previti	2016
		Francis H. Spillane	2017
<u>BORDERLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL</u>		David Cudmore	2017
John Ventresco	2017	Ethel Pomerleau	*
		Marie Graca	2015
		Marie Healey	2015
<u>AUDIT COMMITTEE</u>			
Fred Isleib	2015		
Carol Nestler	2015		
Kevin Kavanaugh	2015	<u>CULTURAL COUNCIL</u>	
Jarret Victoria	2016	Christine Junge	*
Mareissa Victoria	*	Linda Paolucci	2017
		Francis Smith	2017
<u>BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE</u>		Richard Connolly	2017
David Colton-Town Administrator	Ex-Officio	Kate Mench	*
Daniel Murphy	2015	Peter Buhl	2017
Colleen Corona	2015	Mary Kimball	2016
Kim Dubois	2015	Susan Ricciardi	2016
Colleen Less	2015	Ines Smrz	2015
Donna Abelli	2015	Linda Paolucci	2017
Carol Nestler	2015		
Ben Hampton	2015	<u>LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>	
Andrew Keough-Superintendent of Schools	Ex-Officio	Hazel Verella	2016
		Nancy Donahue	2016
<u>CULTURAL COUNCIL</u>		William Ames (Corp)	2016
Christine Junge	*	Karen Hays	2016
Carolyn Cole	2016	James Fowler	2017
Mary Kimball	2016	Gerard S. Marsan (Corp)	*
Susan Ricciardi	2016	Marcia Connors	2015

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

Linda Paolucci	2017	Stephen Merlin	2015
Francis Smith	2017	Uma Hiremath	
Peter Buhl	2017		
Richard Connolly	2017	<u>MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE</u>	
Michael Madonna	2017	Gregory Strange-Co-chair	2015
Inex Smrz	2015	Catherine Adler-Co Chair	2015
		Patti Groebe	2015
<u>CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>		Keith Graveline	2015
Stuart Scheonfield	2015	Brian Hoffman	2015
Harris Blomwald	2016	Peter Buhl	2015
Adam Crowley	2017	Paul Prew	2015
		Dawn Boynton	2015
<u>CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>		Walter Mirrione	2015
John Fresh, Jr.	2016	Majid Lashkari	2015
Jan Fowler	2017	Ellen Barlow	2015
Wayne P. Southworth	2015	Craig Binney	2015
		Christopher Kone	2015
<u>CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE</u>		Beth Shapiro	2015
Wendy Nightingale - Town Accountant		Edmund Hands	2015
Frederic MacLennan	2016		
Robert Mielde	*		
Pat Goodman	*	<u>MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE</u>	
Mark S. Carpentier	*	Michael Green	*
Sharyn Katz	*	Dawn Boynton	School Rep
Elaine Hanson	2015	Jane Martin	School Rep
Christine Santoro	2015	David Field	DPW Dir., Ex-Officio
Jack Waxman	2015	Larry Mowatt	2016
Jim Condon	2017	Ralph Vatalaro	2016
Colin McCarthy	2015	Kenneth Carlsson	2017
Harris Blomwald	2018	Fred MacLennan	*
		Keith Graveline	2015
<u>CEMETERY COMMISSION</u>		Kenneth Isaksen	*
Kit Minsky	*	John Kent Jr.	2017
Susan Henderson	2015		
Timothy Hurley	2016	<u>OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES</u>	
Michael Madonna	2017	Delores Kent, Board of Directors	*
		Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate	
<u>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE</u>		Beverly Beavers, Board of Directors	2015
Christine Santoro	2016		
Gregory Strange	2015	<u>OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)</u>	
Kevin McIntyre	2017	Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative	
Avery Lee William	2017		
Robert Bishop	*	<u>OCPC AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	
Brendon Creedon	2015	Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate	
James Lee	2015	Marie Healey, Alternate	
John Ventresco	2015		
Meredith Keach	*	<u>PUBLIC SPACING</u>	
		Karen Cacciapuoti	2015
<u>COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES</u>		Richard Voci	2015
D. Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio	Andrew McAlarney	2015
Michelle Kearney	*	William Palmer	2015
Eleanor Hall	2016	Nancy Cohenno-Garden Club Representative	2015
Roberta Hafferty	2016		
Linda Croke	2016	<u>PLANNING & ZONING BOARD</u>	
Robert MacLennan	2015	Christine Santoro	2018

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

Michael Somers	2015	David Clymens	2019
		Wayne Benson, JR	2016
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL</u>		Deborah Balcarek	2016
David Colton	Ex-Officio	Gregory Strange	2017
Daniel Murphy-Board of Selectmen	2015	Peter Deschenes	2015
Daniel Smith-Board of Selectmen	2015		
Charles McCarthy	2017	<u>SPECIAL ACT CHARTER COMMITTEE</u>	
		Colleen Corona- Board of Selectmen	
Keith McLaughlin	2017	Representative	
		Dolite Fulginiti-Board of Selectmen	
Jon Holbrook	2017	Representative	
Daniel Farren	2017	Representative	
		Fred Islieb-School Committee Representative	
<u>FENCE VIEWERS</u>		Representative	
		Elaine Hanson-Finance Committee	
Meredith Keach	2015	Representative	
Rob Pelfrey	2015	Steve Merlin	
Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio		
		<u>HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD</u>	
<u>GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE</u>		Robert MacLennan	*
Adrienne Edwards	*	Jill English	2015
Colleen Less	2015	Kevin Joyce	*
Wendy Whitty	*	John Curran-Vice Chair	2017
Andrea Waldorf	*	Laura McIntyre	2016
Brian Long	2016		
Tanner Marsh	2017	<u>RECREATION COMMISSION</u>	
Daniel Smith-Board of Selectmen Rep	2015	Erin Gianni	*
Kerri Mullen	2015	Jennifer Gallagher	2016
Richard Wong	2015	Michelle Durrance	*
		Tana Barritt	2017
<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u>		Robert Benton	2017
Greg Galer - Alternate Member	2015	Meredith Keach	2015
Paul Fitzpatrick	2015	Charles Hammond	2015
Timothy Hurley-Chair	2016	Michelle Kearney	2016
John Ventresco	2015	Michael Glynn	2016
Karen Cacciapuoti-Alternate Member	2016		
Edmund C. Hands - Alternate Member	2015	<u>REGISTRARS OF VOTERS</u>	
Ben Neumann	2016	Patricia Locke	2017
Amy Spencer	2017	Robert Kane	2016
Paul Panaiakas	2015	Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC	
Gregory Strange	2017		
David Blanchard	*		

*Resigned, Retired or Term Expired

Town of Easton, Massachusetts

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR

Walter Galas 2015

SELECTMEN

Dan Smith 2016

Todd Gornstein *

Colleen A. Corona 2015

Daniel Murphy 2015

Carol Nestler 2017

Dottie Fulginiti 2016

ASSESSORS

Scott Timulty 2015

Gerald J. Noonan *

Michael McKenna 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donna Abelli 2016

Laurie Han 2017

Caroline S. O'Neill 2017

Colleen Less 2016

Frederick Isleib 2016

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gilbert A. Heino *

Jennifer Nichols *

William Anderson *

Elizabeth Reichman 2015

David Mills 2017

Laura Arboleda 2015

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Katherine Taylor 2015

Sandra L. Conant 2016

Dennis Sheedy 2017

Pamela M. Widdop 2015

Krisanne Sheedy 2015

Pamela M. Widdop 2015

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elaine Hanson 2015

Jack Waksman 2017

Kimberly Dubois 2017

David Mills *

Scott MacLennan 2015

Town Administrator

Animal Control Officer

Animal Inspector, Milk Inspector

Chief Assessor

Health Agent

Health Agent

Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement,

ADA Coordinator

Council on Aging Director

Director of Planning & Community
Development

DPW Director

DPW Operations Manager

Fire Chief

Library Executive Director

Local Inspector

Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Police Chief

Recreation Program Director

School Superintendent

School Superintendent

School Superintendent, Asst.

Town Accountant

Town Clerk

Town Counsel

Treasurer and Collector

Veterans Agent

Water Division Operations Manager

David A. Colton

Elizabeth J. DeRosa

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Robert Alford

Mark Taylor

Kristin Kennedy

D. Mark Trivett

Dolores M. Kent

Gary Anderson

David Field

Maurice Goulet

Kevin Partridge

Uma Hiremath

Kevin Greiner

Kevin Nelson

Allen R. Krajcik

Anne Daley

Dr. Andrew Keough

Michael Green, Ed. D. *

Lisha Cabral

Wendy V. Nightingale

Jeremy P. Gillis, MMC/CMMC

Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC

Teresa DeSilva

Hsiu-Ann Tom

John J. Marsh

Town of Easton, Massachusetts

Benjamin Hampton	2015
Michael Pietrowski	2017
Michael Maloney	2015
Pat Goodman	2016

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael Pietrowski	2018
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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year saw the town grow in many positive directions. We purchased a long desired tract of land for open space preservation and recreation needs. We saw the opening of an exciting community based project at the historic Queset House and made progress toward our affordable housing goals. We became more efficient as a government and focused on attracting businesses to Easton. We made strides in improving the quality of life for our residents and making it attractive place for people to live and raise their families.

The work of the downtown revitalization project continued to pay dividends as one restaurant thrived and another was planned. The Town sold a previously unused building to a developer who has plans for a full service bar and restaurant. Easton has become a destination spot for discriminating eaters. The Main Street businesses again contributed to the holiday season by lighting Main Street and providing an ambience that made us proud to live in Easton. The municipal parking lot was completed and has provided much needed parking relief for the downtown area. The walkway from the parking lot to Main Street will be completed in 2015 and we await the utility wires being undergrounded to further beautify the streetscape. The Shovel Works Apartments, a public-private partnership in the heart of Easton, approached full occupancy at the end of the year, with many Easton residents moving to the downtown area.

The landfill solar array went on line in April, providing utility savings of nearly \$200,000 per year to Easton and furthering our accomplishments as a Green Community. Town Meeting also approved funding for a town wide energy assessment designed to identify further opportunities for savings. The Green Communities committee awarded its first "Greenest of Easton" awards to residents, teachers, and businesses who go above and beyond in their conservation and green living efforts. We thank the committee for its hard work on these and many projects, which have contributed to our bottom line and quality of life.

The Town continued its efforts toward meeting the state Chapter 40B mandates. With Safe Harbor expiring in 2015, two affordable housing apartment projects were proposed in 2014. After much due diligence and negotiation, Avalon Bay was chosen to build a 290 unit complex on Robert Drive. The permitting and completion of this project will likely meet the state mandated 10 percent affordable housing stock requirement, giving Easton more discretion on future proposals.

Economic Development was a constant theme in 2014. An Economic Development Council was formed and attracted many applications from residents and business owners in Town. A team was selected and began its work on identifying a vision for attracting businesses to Easton. Economic Development was a key driver as a new business district was being planned and proposed for the Rt. 138 corridor. Work continues in 2015, as boards collaborate to create the proper zoning and sewer regulations to maximize private property owners' capacity to best develop their land.

Advances were made in streamlining the ability of the residents and businesses to connect with the community. Electronic permitting became the standard in many departments, allowing for a smoother application, review and approval process for a wide array of permits. Applicants can now file a permit application, review department comments, and pay for their permit online from their home at a time which is convenient for them. Leveraging this technology serves our residents and businesses while conserving the resources of department employees.

In April, Todd Gornstein left the Board of Selectmen. Todd served on the Board for three years, and also served the community as a member of the Finance Committee. We thank him for his service and commitment to Easton, and wish him the best in the future. Carol Nestler was elected to the Board of Selectmen the same month. We welcome her to the Board, and thank her for her commitment and perspective.

The Board would like to express our sincere thanks to Easton's employees and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our community. Our employees' dedication is unparalleled and our roster of active volunteers is deep. Their contributions make Easton the desirable place that it is.

We would like to thank David Colton for his continued efforts to look ahead and be proactive. We are grateful for his leadership, vision and work ethic during this exciting time in Easton's history. We thank Mary Southworth and Connor Read all they have done for the Board and the residents of our community over this last year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Town of Easton.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Murphy, Chair
Colleen Corona, Clerk
Dottie Fulginiti
Daniel Smith
Carol Nestler

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's goal is to provide accurate and objective information about financial decisions facing the Town to the citizenry of Easton in a straightforward fashion so the citizens can make informed decisions. The recommendations of the Committee are primarily seen at the Annual Town Meeting, and any Special Town Meetings, but from time to time during the year the Committee will weigh in on timely issues throughout the year.

The Finance Committee is tasked with completing a detailed review and making recommendations on all Town and the School Department budgets, reviewing financial impacts of any and all Town projects, and making recommendations on all Town Meeting warrant articles. Budget review also includes the Town's many off-budget accounts, looking for opportunities to use the accounts when appropriate, in an effort to most efficiently stretch the citizenry's tax dollars.

Finance Committee is made up of 9 members with a usual schedule of meeting on the second Wednesday of every month. During the budget and Annual Town meeting season of March-May and as needed for Special Town Meetings and other items as they arise, meetings may be needed more often. Throughout the year the Committee is presented with many great project ideas. However, these ideas and the costs associated with each must be weighed against the financial constraints of the Town's budget, not only for today, but for any potential impact that could be felt years down the road. In a perfect world, all plans would get approved; all departments fully staffed, and still have money to set aside for future needs. In reality, difficult decisions must be made that balance the Town's basic needs (i.e. public safety and education) with new and exciting programs that continue to drive Easton into the future. The Committee sees itself as unbiased overseers of the taxpayer's money, and make recommendations on how and where that money should and could be best spent.

The Finance Committee makes its recommendations known at Town Meeting. To show how we reached those recommendations, all of the Committee's meetings are televised on ECAT. 2014 was the fourth year in a row that the meetings have been televised. The goal of airing the meetings is to show the people how our decisions were reached, as well as ensure an air of transparency over the proceedings. We encourage open debate during our meetings, and ensure that all sides of a given issue are presented before a final vote is taken. Input from the community is always welcome and we encourage the citizens to attend our meetings if they have a concern or question about a financial issue of importance to the Town.

Members of the Committee hold seats on a variety of other committees in the Town throughout the year, including (but not limited to) Budget, Capital Planning and Audit. In addition, two members of the Committee have been active participants in the Special Act Charter Committee, whose work is ongoing. The Committee also attempts to have a member in attendance at every Board of Selectmen's meeting so when matters need discussing at Finance Committee meetings, the Committee will be better prepared.

As elected officials, the Committee is dedicated to serving the citizens of Easton. Part of that dedication is an urging of the Town's boards, committees and departments are more communicative with the Committee on all issues that may come before it. It would be ideal to have information about a potential warrant article known before the warrant was issued. Often times these articles have complexities that need more than just the short window provided between issuance of the warrant and Town Meeting floor. The Committee

applauds those groups and individuals that have worked with the Committee in the past, and encourage this open communication to continue.

The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools for their cooperation and continued working relationships. The Committee would also like to acknowledge all of the Town's department heads, who make time for Committee members during budget season to go over their individual budgets and for working with the Committee throughout the year whenever questions arise. The sense of collaboration and cooperation throughout the Town is applauded.

The Committee would like to welcome its newest members, Michael Maloney and Mariesa Victoria, as well as thank Stacey Lincoln for her continued diligence and dedication as the Committee's secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Finance Committee

Elaine Hanson (co-chair)
Ben Hampton (co-chair)
Kimberly DuBois

Pat Goodman
Scott MacLennan
Michael Maloney

Mike Pietrowski
Jack Waksman
Mariesa Victoria

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2014.

We began 2014 with Jennifer Nichols as Chairman. Vice Chairman Gilbert Heino retired at the end of his term after serving on the board for 12 years. Member Heino's seat was filled by David Mills after the April election. William Anderson resigned from the Board in April and Laura Abandola was appointed to fill his seat. Mr. Mills became Chairman after Ms. Nichols resigned in September. Elisabeth Riemann was appointed to fill the Ms. Nichols' seat. The Board of Health continued to be supported by Mark Taylor, RHES/RS, full time Health Agent; Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS, part time Health Agent; and Timothy Meyers, part time Health Inspector. The Board is fortunate to have the continued services of Ms. Elizabeth DeRosa as Animal Inspector.

During the year Kit Minsky, Executive Assistant to Inspectional Services and the Board of Health, was instrumental to the daily functioning of the office. She received assistance from seniors participating in the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Program. These seniors helped by performing basic clerical functions, covering the office during lunches and vacations, and by providing general assistance to residents and the public.

The Chairperson and one Board member of the Board of Health attended an annual certification seminar for Board of Health members on public health laws and issues. The professionals in the office maintained their education requirements for their state licenses and certifications by attending seminars and classes throughout the year on a variety of topics.

The Board of Health met 26 times in public meeting forum which included two hearings this year. At Annual Town Meeting the Board of Health sought support for a warrant article authorizing the borrowing of \$1,000,000 from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

The spring of 2014 saw increased efforts in the fight against Mosquito-Borne Illness - Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). Bristol County Mosquito Control conducted a larvicide application in the Hockomock Swamp with the goal of reducing the mosquito population. In contrast to 2012 with 74 positive pools for EEE, the 2014 mosquito season showed only 3 positive pools for (WNV). The first positive did not occur until August 5th and the last on August 28th. The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project continued to support the Town by offering ground spraying to reduce the adult mosquito population. The spraying was done at the request of either local residents or city/town officials.

At the end of 2014 we are proud to report that over \$1,300,000 has been disbursed in the form of low interest septic betterment loans. This amount represents planned improvements to at least 27 properties this year for a total of 60 properties since the program began in 2012.

The Town offers two options to its residents for the disposal of residential sharps. This includes a free collection during the Annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day or a container purchase and return program in cooperation with the BOH, COA and the Fire department.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the Town's contract nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The following activities and responsibilities were handled by the CVNA: 578 Immunizations; 9 Mantoux testing; 0 Lead Level Screening; Health Promotion Clinics involving the following, 275 Blood Pressures, 20 Blood Sugar, and 9 Total Cholesterol Screening; 157 Communicable Disease investigations; and 1 Latent Tuberculosis Infections follow ups. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. The public health nurse provided health screening and information at the Town Offices, Parker Terrace, Elise Circle and Frothingham Hall at

four scheduled clinics per month. The town nurse facilitated 5 seasonal flu clinics, where over 500 vaccinations were given, 300 of which were purchased by the town with money received from claims submitted to insurance companies for reimbursement. (Flu season Sept. 2014 to Jan. 2015).

The Town continues to prepare for pandemic flu and other mass emergencies. Plans for utilizing our emergency dispensing sites were evaluated with the help of Amy Palmer, from the Bristol County Emergency Preparedness Coalition. Emergency Preparedness activities have included an activation of one site and use as a flu clinic and a set up drill at the other site. Quarterly Call Down drills were also performed and updating of our emergency response manual continued. We also work in conjunction with Kevin Partridge (Fire Chief/ Emergency coordinator)

With the help of Jenni Sousa, the Coordinator for the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Town has continued its work with the MRC and has maintained its members over the past year and averaged 4 to 7 trainings per quarter for its volunteer member base. The town is fortunate to now have 86 members of the surrounding community who have completed applications for MRC volunteer program. Fifty of these volunteers were Easton residents. Additional FEMA trainings as well as CPR were held for the volunteers.

The rabies epizootic exists in the state of Massachusetts. Vaccinating domestic pets is advised as well as required by law in the State of Massachusetts. One rabies clinic was sponsored by the Board of Health on April 13, 2014. At this clinic, a total of 133 animals (84 dogs and 49 cats) were vaccinated by Dr. Buffman.

There were 1131 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 1; Body Art Practitioner, 4; Body art Apprentice 1; Piercer 1; Piercer Apprentice, 1; Camps, 10; Motels/Trailer Parks, 1; Food service including Mobil food, farmers market and temporary 286; Death Certificates 179 (done with the help of the Town Clerk's office); Dumpsters, 302; Dumpster Service, 19; Funeral Directors, 3; Disposal System Construction Permits, 135; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 66; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 4; Title 5 inspectors, 47; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 11; Tanning Facilities, 2; Tobacco Sales Permits, 25; Residential curbside 5; and Transport Offal, (septic pump trucks) 28.

The office logged 50 complaints from the general public.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied, and focused on community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on the Town's website www.easton.ma.us. Click on the department tab and then select "Board of Health." You may also reach our office at 508-230-0620 with any questions or if assistance is needed.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Dave Mills, Chairman
Laura Arboleda, Member
Elizabeth Reichman, Member

HEALTH AGENTS
Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS
Mark Taylor, REHS/RS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Department of Revenue regulations now require assessors to review assessments on a yearly basis to see if they meet the statistical criteria contained in the Massachusetts General Laws. Median assessments must be at least 90% of market value and not exceed 110% as determined by analysis of the previous year's sales. Assessments must also meet uniform criteria that show all similar properties are being assessed by the same methodology. The results of analyzing the 2013 valid or "arm's length" sales showed that residential values based on the average single family home increased by 2%. Condos increased by 3% in value.

Prior to setting the tax rate, the assessors are responsible for putting together information to aid the Board of Selectmen in its decision concerning classification. The Selectmen make the decision on whether to have a single or split tax rate.

Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board's filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran's Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors' data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters' list for public hearings.

The assessors' data is on the Internet. The Assessing staff is always working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online. Exemptions and motor vehicle information are also on the website.

This year the North Easton Village Sewer Betterments actuals were applied to the tax bill. Septic betterments grew to 25 new betterments for FY 15.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$ 2,851,911,100
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 64,767,189
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	\$ 2,916,678,289

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	\$	78,893,444.90
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc. Charges		706,855.00
State & County Charges		747,784.00
Overlay Account		409,072.68

Total Expenditures	\$	80,757,156.58
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	\$	12,896,157.00
Local Receipts		6,434,741.00
Enterprise Funds		4,187,584.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		3,543,547.90
Community Preservation Funds		4,753,265.00

Total Receipts & Available Funds	\$	31,815,294.90
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$	48,941,861.68
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Tax Rate = $48,941,861.68 / 2,916,678,289 \times 1000 = \16.78

The assessment date for fiscal year 2015 values was January 1, 2014. The Town now has 5,637 single-family homes, 1397 condominiums, 155 two-family homes and 22 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2015 is \$ 372,800. New Growth was \$786,804.

We would like to thank Ann Williams, Maureen Call and Robert Alford II for all there hard work.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1 st	Property Tax Assessment Date.
June 30 th	Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the MA. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1 st to June 30 th for succeeding fiscal years.
February 1 st	Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1 st (or the next work day if February 1 st falls on a weekend.)
March 1 st	Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.
March	Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1 st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.
May 1 st	Payment of fourth quarter tax bill.

- August 1st Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.
- November 1st Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.
- December Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarter bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

MICHAEL MCKENNA Chairman
SCOTT TIMULTY Vice-Chairman
GERALD J. NOONAN Clerk

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

For many years, Easton was fortunate to have consistent leadership in high-level administrative positions. As changes come faster and more frequently in the world at large, so too has this trend found its way to the Easton Public Schools. In the new millennium, transition and change are regular companions. While change can sometimes be fraught with anxiety and fear, related mostly to the unfamiliar, that same change can also bring renewed energy and a clearer focus.

It seems the School Committee had just completed its search for a new Assistant Superintendent in June of 2013, a position filled expertly by Lisha Cabral who is providing skilled and energizing leadership on all matters relating to curriculum and education, when Superintendent Dr. Michael Green announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2013/2014 academic year. During his final year as Easton's Superintendent, Dr. Green provided balanced leadership for our schools and was a resource for the Committee as it launched a search for a new superintendent. In the same period that Easton found itself looking for a superintendent, fifty other districts were also engaged in a search for the top educator in their schools systems. In order to serve the needs of the Community in attracting and securing the best candidate, the search process needed to balance inclusion with efficiency. As a Committee, we saw other districts lose viable Superintendent candidates to unwieldy and impractical processes. We also learned from those districts forced to struggle through the temporary leadership of an interim superintendent, while having to conduct back-to-back, time consuming, and expensive searches to find a suitable permanent leader. Thus, a screening and hiring process was established with an eye toward gathering community input, while remaining as efficient as possible.

The Screening Committee consisted of the School Committee Chair, School Committee Member Dr. Laurie Han, Mr. Edmund Hands, longtime educator in the Easton Public Schools, and Jesse Barnett and Ed Sharkansky, Co-Chairs of The Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton (FEEE). The School Committee is incredibly grateful for the many hours committed to this process by Messieurs Hands, Barnett and Sharkansky. These dedicated residents devoted many hours to reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and deliberating during the preliminary selection process to find a superintendent who would satisfy the qualifications generated by input from our teachers, administrators, parents, and residents.

In addition to thanks owed to Mr. Hands, Mr. Sharkansky, and Mr. Barnett, the School Committee would also like to express its gratitude to those stakeholders who took the time to attend the Superintendent focus groups, fill out questionnaires available on the district website, and provide feedback. The guidance provided was invaluable.

Easton as a District was fortunate to hire Dr. Andrew Keough, former Principal of Wellesley High School, as its new Superintendent. Dr. Keough quickly jumped into his new role with both feet, reaching out to administrators at each school, teachers, parents, and members of the larger community. Praise has been widespread for his ability to listen, his accessibility, and his true care and concern for the students of Easton and their education. The District has a bright future under his leadership, along with the leadership of Assistant Superintendent Lisha Cabral.

Although there was a change in the District Administration, the School Committee composition remained the same. Both Dr. Laurie Han and Caroline O'Neill were elected to three-year terms in April 2014.

In the spring of 2014, the School Committee approved an operating budget of \$36,570,137 for the 2014/2015 school year. This budget represents a 3.85% increase over the preceding year. The District continues to allocate funds in a cautious and targeted manner, which has allowed us to restore some of the significant cuts made in previous budget cycles. Included in the budget for the 2014/2015 academic year, were funds for two full days of professional development for our teaching staff. Consistent professional development is paramount if Easton students are to improve. Having all staff together to develop a learning

community committed to a singular goal—providing the best education to Easton children—is a critical operating expense.

Easton's current fiscal environment makes it near impossible to support new programs and initiatives the School Committee envisions for our students and that some consider essential to a successful 21st Century education. Full day kindergarten, foreign languages in the early grades and other initiatives continue to remain out of reach financially. Easton is below the state average in per pupil expenditure by approximately \$2,500 per pupil, per year. Just to achieve the average expenditure per student would require the addition of \$9,000,000 to our annual operating budget.

The District continues to see a significantly lower proportion of funding through the Town's Capital Budget Planning process, which also inhibits the ability to maintain technological currency. Some infrastructure improvements, however, are being submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. We have recently replaced the oldest portions of the Middle School and Moreau Hall roofs. The District will also be submitting a request for renovations and/or additions to the three lower elementary school buildings. The ultimate plans for those buildings are still in process at the time of this report.

Despite ever increasing mandates from the State (e.g., Educator Evaluation System, Revised Nutrition Guidelines, increased English Language Learner services, and new background check requirements, just to name a few), our District remains home to a solid public education. Easton students continue to impress us with their accomplishments. The Class of 2014 is well represented in colleges across the nation and we anticipate that the Class of 2015 will do the same. Last year, approximately ninety-one percent of the graduating class moved on to higher education—eighty-three percent attending four-year colleges and universities and eight percent opting for one and two year schools.

Easton students continue to achieve above national and state averages on the SATs and above the state average on MCAS. Increasing numbers of students are taking Advanced Placement exams and our goal as a District is to support increased student success on those exams. Last spring, Easton piloted a new computer-based assessment system mandated by the State, called Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC. The hope is that this assessment will better “serve the Commonwealth's goal of ensuring that all students have the academic preparation necessary to successfully pursue higher education, careers, and citizenship.” After the pilot, the School Committee voted to remain with MCAS one last year to allow all the technical issues to be resolved in the PARCC test.

Outside of the classroom, our students continue to demonstrate their passion for excellence and commitment to activities and causes that are quite extensive. Sports, drama, music, academic research, the visual arts, journalism and writing, philanthropy and community outreach – our students at all grade levels and from all backgrounds participate in ways that make us proud of them. As a District, we continually strive to improve student engagement both inside the classroom and outside, in the larger learning community.

The School Committee accepted the following retirements in 2014: Superintendent, Mike Green and Special Services Director, Beverly Conte both retired. In addition, many other educators either retired or left for personal reasons. We are grateful to their service to the children of Easton. Retiring from the high school were Director of Guidance William Sullivan, Guidance Counselors Fran Yung and Caroline Paulino, Mathematics Teacher Gregory Chapman, Physical Education Teacher and Department Chair Christine Power, World Language Teacher and Department Chair Ronald Riley, Biology Teacher Karen Yung, Biology Teacher Deborah Margarite, Area Maintenance Roy Willis, School Treasurer/Athletic Directory Secretary Janis Hudson. Retiring from the Middle School were Grade 6 Learning Specialist Eleanor Berry, Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher Nancy DeLuca, and Day Custodian Robert Evans. From the elementary level, retirements included Speech and Language Pathologist Cynthia Kulig, Grade 1-2 Looping Teacher Nancy Piesco, Grade 1 Teacher Mary Twiraga, Reading Specialist Phyllis Finstein, Music Specialist Carole Hedrick, Grade 5 Teacher Sharon Hurley and Library Resource Aide Susan Murphy. We thank them for their years of service and offer our best wishes to these members of our educational community as their lives enter a new phase.

The School Department Administrative Offices are located at 50 Oliver Street, North Easton, Massachusetts. The main phone number is 508-230-3200. You can visit our website at <http://www.easton.k12.ma.us>. We welcome your comments, feedback, and ideas.

On behalf of all the students in the District, we thank the community of Easton for the support they continue to provide to our schools and our children.

Respectfully Submitted:

Colleen Arnott Less, Chair

Donna Abelli, Vice Chair

Caroline O'Neill

Laurie Han

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is an honor to submit, this my first Annual Report as Superintendent of the Easton Public Schools. Having started in the position in July 2014, upon the retirement of Dr. Mike Green, I came into the position finding the school system in excellent shape. The following represents a status report and compilation of the key events taking place within the Easton Public Schools over the course of 2014.

Statistical and Budget Information – On October 1, 2014 we had 3,867 students enrolled. Of that population, 1951 were male and 1916 female. 16.4% of the student body had special needs, 3% reported having a language other than English as their native language, and 1.1% were identified as English Language Learners (ELL). Of Oliver Ames graduates, 48% planned to attend private colleges/universities, 35%, state colleges/universities, 8% planned to attend 2-year state college programs, 4% planned to work, 1% planned to join the military, and 3% were uncertain. On state mandated MCAS testing Easton students performed at or above the state average in all categories.

	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs Improvement		% Warning/Failing	
	Easton	State	Easton	State	Easton	State	Easton	State
English Language Arts	18/18		61/51		17/22		4/8	
Mathematics	34/28		37/22		22/25		7/15	
Science	19/17		47/38		30/33		4/12	

The overall budget for the 14-15 school year was \$36,570,137 which represents a 3.85% increase from the previous year. An important component of the budget was funding for the addition of two full professional days for teachers, which were held in the fall of 2014. These full days allowed for meaningful and full day training for the faculty, as opposed to half-day workshops, which can feel less cohesive/productive for teachers when spread out over the school year. In addition, the budget included funding (30K) for a decennial accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), funding for a district wide safety audit, conducted by Synergy Inc. (30K), additional supplies and training for Advanced Placement offerings (20K), as well as an allocation in response to the unfunded mandate by the state for management of student discipline (40K). In addition, the budget allowed for support of the new professional development program, Easton University and some additional staffing for ELL services, as well as partial inclusion instruction. We are grateful to the community of Easton for the continued financial support and will continue to strive to improve the schools in as fiscally prudent a manner possible moving forward.

Professional Development – Recognizing that professional educators need, continual training to remain current in cutting edge practices, as well as time to collaborate, the Easton Public Schools have placed great emphasis on ensuring that this work remains a top priority. To that end, under the direction of new Assistant Superintendent, Lisha Cabral, a number of new initiatives were put into effect during 2014. A primary example includes the aforementioned, newly implemented Easton University. Easton University provides a broad variety of opportunities for teachers to hone their craft. The sessions are practical, easily accessible, and free to staff. Topics this year included, spending an afternoon with Kim Marshall, Building Character Traits through Social / Emotional Learning, Google for Teachers 2014, Teaching Poetry Grades K-12, Creating an Arts Spirit, Dealing with Difficult People, as well as many others. Additionally this year, Easton teachers were provided with full day training by the nationally recognized team of Wiggins and McTighe for training in Understanding by Design (UbD). The entire PreK-12 staff has worked diligently together in the transformation of our curriculum into a UbD format. This will create integrated units of study, aligned to Common Core and Massachusetts's learning standards, which all teachers in Easton will use to guide instruction.

Facilities Report – This was busy year for the EPS facilities. As the community likely noticed, last summer we replaced the Roof, Gutters, and Canopies at Moreau Hall through the Accelerated Repair

Program sponsored by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Also last summer, we created a Student Services suite at Richardson Olmsted and hired Synergy Solutions to conduct a security audit of all our schools. In addition, we completed a Building Assessment of all Municipal Buildings by Dore and Whittier and are in the process of beginning an ESCO project with Ameresco to reduce energy and water usage and improve indoor air quality for students and staff. We also entered into a Town-Wide contract with Weston and Sampson to manage our wastewater treatment plants and have begun work on a Statement of Interest to the MSBA for work on our three K-2 buildings which are showing signs of age and are less able to provide for a 21st century learning environment.

Staff Changes – 2104 was a year of change for the Easton Public Schools. There were a number of changes in staffing, most notably in the leadership of the district, where Superintendent, Mike Green and Special Services Director, Beverly Conte both retired. In addition, many other fine educators either retired or left for personal reasons. We are grateful to these educators who dedicated many years of service to the children of Easton. The following is a list of those educators who left the school system in 2014:

Retirements:

Central Administration:

Superintendent: Dr. Michael Green

Director of Special Education: Dr. Beverly Conte

High School:

Director of Guidance William Sullivan, Guidance Counselors Fran Yung and Caroline Paulino, Mathematics Teacher Gregory Chapman, Physical Education Teacher and Department Chair Christine Power, World Language Teacher and Department Chair Ronald Riley, Biology Teacher Karen Yung, Biology Teacher Deborah Margarite, Area Maintenance Roy Willis, School Treasurer/Athletic Directory Secretary Janis Hudson

Middle School:

Grade 6 Learning Specialist Eleanor Berry, Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher Nancy DeLuca, Day Custodian Robert Evans

Elementary Level:

Speech and Language Pathologist Cynthia Kulig, Grade 1-2 Looping Teacher Nancy Piesco, Grade 1 Mary Twiraga, Reading Specialist Phyllis Finstein, Music Specialist Carole Hedrick, Grade 5 Sharon Hurley, Library Resource Aide Susan Murphy

Moving to Other Professional Opportunities:

High School:

Latin Teacher Andrea Kaubris, Spanish Teacher Marisol Henderson, Chemistry Teacher Eric Nelson, Mathematics Teacher Charlotte Manos
English Teacher Erin Kinnerley

Elementary Level:

Learning Specialist Tanya Viti

Report of Secondary Schools – The following is a list of the accomplishments and activities from the various departments within Easton Middle School and Oliver Ames High School.

Mathematics - The senior recipient of the Oliver Ames Mathematics Achievement Award was Bowen Wang. The Oliver Ames Math Team, led by Mrs. Porter-Meglio, again earned one of the top awards in the American Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics Competition. Students scores are submitted online, competing with students across the country and internationally. Since 2008, Oliver Ames has received 3rd place awards with a 1st place award in the 2009-2010 and 2013-2014 seasons in the New England, New York Division. The Easton Middle School Math Team, led by Mrs. Spillane, had more than 100 students participate in the Atlantic-Pacific Middle School Mathematics Competition. The OAHS robotics team

under Mr. Ian Murphy's leadership competed in two major events, one at Bryant University and the other at Northeastern University, where they finished in top 20. With the support of the Easton school committee, the robotics team also competed during the spring in a national event in St. Louis, finishing in the top half of the standings for first-time qualifiers.

Social Studies – This year the 6th grade Geography Bee, run by Ms. Joanne Nolan, Ms. Lois Coyne, Ms. Anne Drury and Mr. Josh Mladenoff, was broadcast throughout the school for all to see in January. Grade 7 students were treated to the National Geographic giant map of Africa on May 16th. The map is 26' by 35' and students, under the direction of Ms. Anne Drury, Ms. Joanne Nolan and Ms. Lois Coyne, explored the geography of Africa in a way they are sure not to forget. The 8th grade students participated in the National History Day competition under the guidance of Mr. Gary Erickson, Mr. Bryan McSheffrey and Mr. John Visnauskis. Twenty-three students went on to compete in seven categories at the state level. The students competed with passion to honor the memory of Mr. Bryan McSheffrey, who passed away suddenly in the spring of 2014. The entire Massachusetts delegation of over 70 students from across the state wore shirts with his name to honor him and what he meant to History Day at both the local and state level. Students at Oliver Ames had a number of opportunities that extended learning beyond the classroom. This year, OA sent a senior representative, Geoffrey Mbugua, to participate in the annual Student Government Day in April at the Massachusetts State House. The Mock Trial program under the direction of Mr. Brian Gotsell earned its best year in recent memory and hopes to build on that success this year.

World Languages – Several students achieved great success in the study of foreign language this year. Seniors awarded for achievement in language study at Senior Class Night (June, 2014) included: Ingrid Brugnoli-Ensin and Jessica Cheng for Spanish, Daria Laboutina, Genevieve Lamont, and Erica Osiecki for French, and Jill Flanzbaum, Erica Osiecki, and Roshni Patel for Latin. In addition, 12 of 12 students passed the AP Spanish exam given in May 2014. The following were the OA scores on the National Latin Exam (March 2014) – Jocelyn Cheng – Silver Maxima Cum Laude, Olivia Gonzalez – Magna Cum Laude, Erica Osiecki – Cum Laude

Science - In the Science Department, Mrs. Ayasse organized the Intermediate Science Olympiad at the F. L. Olmsted and H. H. Richardson Schools. The event theme was "Go Green or Go Home!" Approximately two hundred Honors Chemistry students prepared and ran hands-on science activities for elementary students in grades 3-5. Over 850 elementary students participated in 36 activities. The activities focused on science processing and higher-level thinking skills. At the high school level, the Oliver Ames High School Science Team, under the supervision of coaches Ms. Annunziato and Mrs. Donahue, competed and earned first place in the Regional Science Olympiad. Under the supervision of Coach Ryan Mulcahy, the Envirothon Team competed in the State Envirothon Competition and earned 4th place in the aquatics competition.

Business – This year, two students from the accounting program participated in the weeklong Summer Camp Program (Careers in Accounting and Management Professions) at the Eisenberg School of Management at UMASS Amherst. This program is offered so students can become more aware of the types of careers they can follow in the business world. The Oliver Ames DECA organization sent 72 students to the districts last January. Fifty-two students qualified for states and 45 attended. Eight of these students qualified for the nationals and five of them attended. Cathy Harp, Department Chair of Business and Caroline Paulino, from the Guidance Department held a "Career Day" for the 1,200 students at the high school. Approximately 80 guest speakers from various career fields spoke to 30 students for approximately 20 minutes.

Physical Education - In the Physical Education Department, students in grades 9 and 10 focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and endurance. These quarterly reports are part of the "Writing Across the Curriculum" initiative at Oliver Ames High School. Enrichment programs were offered to all high school students. Freshman classes enjoyed a week of Yoga. During a personal safety unit, sophomores learned valuable self-defense technique. Project Opportunity students attended the Special Olympic Games. Middle School students ran in the traditional "Muscato Mile" which was held at the high school stadium in November. There were a record number of participants with 638 runners and 25 student volunteers.

Industrial Technology - The Industrial Technology students had a productive year working in the three shops and the Technical Drawing Room. Mechanical, Architectural designs, metal and wood projects, community services, and repairs have continued in all of the department's classes. This year, students made 20 weighted net uprights to help keep lacrosse balls from interfering with track and field athletes, explored different types of woodworking joinery and construction techniques, learned the basics of small engine operation, and were busy drawing, designing and making working scale models of bridges, roof trusses and mechanisms.

Family and Consumer Science - In Family and Consumer Sciences, students at EMS prepared Holiday Baskets containing baked goods for an Assisted Living Residence. The OA Foods Club membership continued to grow with students being involved in food preparation after school. A new sewing club was also created in the fall. Guest speakers from Johnson and Wales addressed the students a part of the culinary activities. The department continued to make costumes for plays and complete various repair projects for the Athletic Department.

At Easton Middle School, students were again involved in training in *Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Strategies*. This program is in its twenty-third year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts. Peer Assistant Leaders provided assistance for new students. In addition to providing information to grade 5 students moving to the middle school in September, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the middle school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed 81 new members into the society and undertook a number of individualized community service projects such as HUGS II Walk, School on Wheels, Counselor in Training, Relay for Life, just to name a few. An outgrowth of this involvement at the middle school is the student organization H.A.N.D.S. (Helping Achieve a Nondiscriminatory Society) a program dedicated to promoting tolerance, respecting others, and creating a non-discriminatory society. Also, the middle school guidance staff continued to work closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included a variety of enrichment activities for middle school students. Programs offered included sports activities, a A.M.P.(Advanced Math & Physics), Art Club, Book Club, Buddies Club, Video Club, Field Hockey, Yearbook, and student council. In Grade 6, students traveled to the Museum of Fine Arts and Hockomock Area YMCA rope course as a team building activity. In addition, Grade 8 students of the Green, Yellow and Red Teams worked on team-building activities through field trips to Borderland State Park, Nessralla Farm, and the Wompatuck State Park. A spring trip to the Museum of Science was taken by all three Grade 8 teams. Grade 8 Honors Students participated in laboratory investigation at Bridgewater State University City Lab. The Silver Team students engaged in field trips to Special Olympics, Langwater Farm and Capron Park Zoo.

The Easton Middle School promotes giving back to the community through service. In Grade 8 the Red Team set up a memorial outside of the old North Easton Grammar School to honor those who died in the service of their country on Memorial Day, the Yellow Team donated to the National Wildlife Foundation to support endangered species, they also held a benefit where proceeds were donated to the American Heart Association in memory of Bryan McSheffrey. Bryan was a passionate World Cultures teacher at the middle school. In Grade 7 the Orange Team cleaned the town pool to get it ready for the 2014 season, the Purple Team planted flowers at Frothingham Park, and the Blue Team made birthday placemats and table top presentations of the "Decades" for the COA birthday luncheon program. In Grade 6 students decorated lunch bags for the COA lunch delivery, cleaned and landscaped one of the courtyards at EMS, organized a "Reading and Weeding" activities and created generic birthday cards for the COA.

Report of Primary Schools - The three PreK-2 schools – Center School, Moreau Hall and Parkview School – have collectively developed common assessments in the area of literacy, aligned to the state and national standards. For the past five years teachers and principals have worked extensively to ensure that expectations and learning interventions are equitable across all three schools. Student performance data is collected multiple times a year and analyzed regularly by principals, specialists and classroom teachers with the guidance of a leading literacy specialist and founder/owner of Ideal Consulting, Dr. Christopher Parker, as well as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Lisha Cabral. Teachers across all three schools have had the same training and work collaboratively to use this data to provide

ALL students with targeted, small group instruction. Students who are not meeting benchmarks are provided with tiered interventions, using a Response to Intervention (RTI) model. As a result of these efforts we have had fewer and fewer students being referred to special education and seen significant increases in the percentage of students reading at or above benchmarks. Teachers across all three primary school have been trained, and are implementing with consistency, the same assessments and entering this data into the same software program. This program (Student Performance Systems, SPS, from Ideal Consulting) is now being used in Grade 3 to ensure consistency in assessments and data for the transition into third grade.

The three primary schools are also using the same language and procedures to promote healthy social development in students. All three schools use the "Bucketfilling" reading program to teach respect and kindness in a more developmentally appropriate manner. Students are learning to be "bucket fillers" by giving generously to others and filling people's buckets and, at the same time, filling their own buckets. The message being, "Giving kindness to others makes YOU feel better so fill somebody else's bucket with good thoughts and feelings and feel your own bucket getting filled at the same time!" This has been a proactive way to TEACH respect and, consequently, prevent bullying.

In addition, Center, Moreau Hall and Parkview Schools are collectively embracing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) movement. All three schools have interactive whiteboards and digital cameras in every classroom and are using this technology to provide our students with more realistic and engaging visuals as well as interactive center-based activities. With document cameras, teachers can instantly project a students' work or a piece of text onto the whiteboard. With interactive whiteboards, every teacher can turn their old dry-erase boards into their computer screen and access the world via the Internet. Each school is also utilizing their laptops and iPads to provide students with assistive technology and apps that both engage them in their learning and, in some cases, hurdle roadblocks in learning that previously seemed insurmountable. Teachers are also embracing STEM ideals of perseverance in problem solving, working collaboratively, thinking critically and thinking creatively. These are the "21st Century Skills" that our students will need to succeed in their future.

At the grade 3-5 levels, the two schools formally known as H. H. Richardson and F. L. Olmsted, were formally combined into one school now named Richardson-Olmsted. This change allows for a greater sense of unity, more streamlined administrative leadership of the building, and will result in less duplication in reporting of information to the state.

This year, in addition to working on the aforementioned UbD initiative, teachers at Richardson-Olmsted implemented the new, Empowering Writers Program, a genre-rich writing curriculum. They also launched new technology programs (Type to Learn & Study Island) to help with keyboard accuracy and MCAS-PARCC skill practice. Teachers in grade 5 also implemented a new, standards based report card, which allows parents to monitor the progress their children are making toward meeting state and common core standards.

Among the many recognitions and accomplishments of the Richardson-Olmsted faculty and students were: A commendation from the Easton Selectmen/Commonwealth of MA Legislature as the Greenest Community in Easton, recognition by NRRA of New England as Recycling School of the Year, and the raising of \$10,000 for the American Heart Association through Hoops for Hearts. In addition, 4th grade students held a Brain Aneurysm Foundation Fundraiser, raising \$1700, in honor of Karen Daly, 4th Grade Teacher, and in memory of Christine DiNatale, former LP Aide.

As with all schools throughout the district, Richardson Olmsted too, focused on developing additional STEM learning opportunities for our students. Among those that were especially impressive was an initiative that teamed high school science students with elementary students to build a "mousetrap" vehicle. The experience allowed for high school students to experience how difficult it can be to teach young people complex concepts and allowed for our elementary aged students to learn from their older peers about propulsion, force, and friction. In addition to the STEM activities, the students at Richardson-Olmsted continued to participate in the Heritage Day project (gr. 5), wherein they conducted extensive research on their family heritage and created displays, for community viewing, in the fall. Fifth grade students also

participated in the "Eyes of Child" art project, wherein they were required to research a famous artist from the Museum of fine arts and conduct a detailed research project on the artist's achievements. The study culminated in a Famous Master Art Study & Show, held in the spring.

Fine and Performing Arts – In the area of *Art*, 2014 was a great year for the Easton Public Schools. There were a number of accolades and accomplishments bestowed upon our students. The following is a brief list:

The *Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Scholastic Art and Writing Competition*, regionally hosted by the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, SMFA, formerly hosted by the Boston Globe, called the "Globe Show"—Participants were chosen from grades 9-12. There were many award winners from OA, the most OA has ever had place in this competition. Nine Gold Key Awards were earned by: Jordan Boone(Senior), Sydney Corsini(junior), Shaylah Jette(senior), Jessica Kandar(senior), Jessica Looney(sophomore), Olivia Mileika (junior), Sabrina Mine(sophomore), Emily Morgan(junior), and Valerie Nunziato(junior). Additionally, five Silver Key Awards were earned by: Sarah Fiske(junior), Katie Gurman(junior), Katie Holmberg(junior), Jiliane Leroy(junior), and Mandy Massey(junior). Six Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Rachel Bonia(junior), Amanda Carlson(senior), Jaclyn Lacorazza(senior), Erica Lewis-got 2 honorable mentions for 2 different categories(senior), and Kristen Vatalaro(senior)

In the *15th Annual 4th Congressional District Art Competition*—We are proud to announce that an OAHS student has won "Best in Show" in this district wide competition for seven years in a row. This year's recipients were: Jaclyn Lacorazza (Senior)—Best in Show (Artwork hangs in Washington D.C. for the year in the Capitol Building Tunnels), and Erica Lewis (Senior)—1st Place in Painting (Artwork hangs in Congressman Kennedy's District office in Newton for the year)

In the 2014 *SMARTS Annual Middle School Traveling Art Show*, 26 Easton Middle School Students had their art exhibited at the Fuller Craft Museum in February and in Participating SMARTS Collaborative middle schools from February until June of 2014

This year, 24 third, fourth, and fifth graders participated in *Easton Water Department 30th Annual "Drinking Water Week" Poster Contest* and were recognized for their posters.

In addition, this year, *Art Shows* were held at Moreau Hall, Center School, Richardson-Olmsted Schools, Easton Middle School (the art hallway is a constant and ever-changing gallery), The Artists Studio and Gallery at Patriots Place, and at Oliver Ames High School throughout the year.

In the area of *Performing Arts*, Easton students once again excelled on the state and regional level. Twenty students from OA were chosen to participate in the Southeast District Music Festival held the first full weekend in January. In addition, the OA Chamber Orchestra presented a Chamber Music concert at the Immaculate Conception Church in Easton, as part of a performance series.

We were very proud of the work of the Show Choir and Pit Band "Panache" - The show choir participated in the following competitions: Mill City Festival Lowell, Silver Medal, First Place, Central Mass Festival, Gold Medal, Dudley MA, and the Eastern Festival Award, Gold Medal, First Place.

The OA Jazz Band placed 5th in their division at the Berklee Jazz Festival and received a Bronze Medal at the MAJE Southeast District Festival. In addition, this year the Oliver Ames musical production of "Anything Goes" was especially well received. The production was directed by Charlene Dalrymple, with choreography by Pamela Sheiber, Orchestra directed by Jeff Benson, Set Design by Karl Pelletier, and costume design by Brian Simons. Peggy Wentworth also assists in the production. This was Mrs. D's 32 musical produced at OA.

Allstate Competition: For the first time ever, MMEA hosted a Treble Chorus, and three students represented Easton in this event. They were Anastasia Pavloff, Emily Eaton, and Olivia Pierce. Other OA students chosen for the competition included, Maeve Evans (11th), Andrew Kozak (10th), Isabel Lamont (12th), Adelen Marcus (11th), Harrison Phelps (12th), and Grace Sweet (12th).

Lion's Club Allstate Band - This program is funded by the Lion's Organization; Band directors are asked to choose students who are diligent workers and who are fundamental to the success of the Band, yet who have difficulty with the audition process. Sarah Harney and Ashley Partridge were chosen to play in this event. Robert Wheeler was the Guest Conductor for the Lion's All-State Jazz Ensemble. And Michael Korn was the Guest Conductor for the Senior SEMSBA Festival.

The Jazz Combo played at Lion's Club Awards Banquet, Friends of the Easton Library Queset Gardens, Covenant Congregational Men's Group "Flavors of the World" fundraiser to combat domestic violence, Friends of Easton Public Gardens at Queset House, volunteered at "Let's go Latin Night" at Oakes Ames Hall and Taste of Easton for the Easton Chamber of Commerce.

The EMS Show Choir earned a Silver Medal at the Central Mass Festival and the Show Choir Classic Festival in Somerset. The EMS Jazz Bands won Silver Medals at the MAJE Junior Festival in May. In addition, the Tri-M Honor Society presented its May Recital with students showcasing their best in singing and playing instruments. It was a wonderful evening of music!

The Oliver Ames Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra participated in the Rhythms International Music Festival in Boston. The week following, the "Gloria" was presented at the Immaculate Conception Church as part of a music series that Mr. Korn and Father Richard Degagne established this year.

All five Middle School ensembles in Grades 7 & 8 traveled to West Springfield to participate in the Great East Music Festival. All five ensembles received Gold Ratings for their performances. Fifteen parent chaperones assisted teachers throughout the event.

The FLO/HHR Spring Concerts were held on two evenings in June, with fourth graders added to those in the intermediate school ensembles. The String program has grown considerably, with over sixty fourth graders playing string instruments at the concert. In addition, the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Chorus performed with excellence, displaying their progress throughout the year. In addition, at the elementary/middle level, concerts were held in January and June at the Easton Middle School for Sixth Grade, and the Olmsted/Richardson schools; these concerts featured the Sixth grade Band, Chorus and Orchestra and the combined Olmsted and Richardson Fifth Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra.

All second grade students at Parkview participated in a chorus for half of the year. Students perform for the school and in the evening for parents and the community. Students in Chorus learn singing fundamentals and how to follow and respond to the cues of a conductor.

The OA Marching Band began their school year in August at the pre-season Band Camp. In September, they placed second at the BMR Show and won Best Overall Effect. In October they co-hosted the US Bands Show with King Phillip and participated in Shows at Blackstone-Millville Regional, King Phillip, Norwood, Lowell and Bridgeport CT. The Band had an overall successful season. They received a four – star award at the MICCA Show, were first in the state for Division 2A and second in New England at the US Bands Finals in Connecticut. In November, the OA Band played at the Veteran's Day Parade and the Thanksgiving Day Game.

Mrs. Carol Hedrick retired this year. We are grateful for the work she put into our program over her seventeen-plus years as a teacher in the EPS.

Students in the OAHS Show Choir and Pit Band hosted the 30th Annual Baystate Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted 450 students from Easton and thirteen other communities across New England and Canada during the two-day festival.

The Jazz Combo played at the Easton Women of Today Charity Breakfast, the Concert Choir sang at the Sunday Show for the Lion's Club Winter Festival and the Band marched at the Holiday Parade on the same day. The following week, the concert ensembles at OA presented their Winter Concert to a very appreciative audience. The Show Choir also presented a Holiday Show the following Saturday.

The numbers of students involved in music ensembles from grades 5-12 continue to increase. The FLO/HHR music program started with 150 new 4th grade band students this year, and have 220 students playing band instruments at FLO/HHR in 4th and 5th grade. These are outstanding numbers!

Meanwhile, the Music program at the high school level has been growing with very talented students achieving high levels of musicianship. Twenty-five students at the Oliver Ames were accepted into the Southeast District Festival in every ensemble and ten were recommended to audition for the Allstate Festival. In December all three groups performed together at the Winter Concert, showcasing the achievement of each ensemble in one combined piece

The EMS ensembles performed their Concert to a full audience on December 16th. The concert was well-received, and students did an outstanding job showcasing what they have learned since the start of school. Students in the EMS Concert Band also played at the "Pack the Gym Night" for an EMS home basketball game.

The final major event of 2014 was the *Messiah Sing!* Concert, which was held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Easton center. The Easton Chamber Orchestra and the Concert Choir provided the instrumental accompaniment and the choruses with the audience members joining in song. Former OA student **Kirstie Shepard Wheeler** sang the soprano solos along with Easton resident **Juliana Anderson** singing the mezzo-soprano solos. This is a great community event that people look forward to each year. There was a standing-room only audience. Dr. Walter Pavasaris was the Guest Conductor of the Orchestra.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities - During the course of the year, over half of the student population participated in at least one sport at Oliver Ames. 480 student-athletes competed in winter sports (including middle school basketball), 432 in spring sports, and 571 in fall sports (including middle school soccer) for total sport participation level over all 3 seasons of 1,483 student-athletes. OA fields 29 varsity, 13 junior varsity, 6 freshman teams and a self funded girls hockey team co-op with Mansfield and Foxboro. Additionally, the Easton Middle School fielded two soccer teams and four basketball teams.

In the *Winter 2013-14*, Boys and girls basketball each battled hard down the stretch and were each rewarded with at state tournament berth. Girls winter track went undefeated for the 4th straight year and clinched the Hockomock title. Boys track finished the season 4-1 and shared the League title. Wrestling finished 13-9 achieving the most wins in school wrestling history. Ice Hockey, led by new head coach, Mark Homer, qualified for the state tournament and advanced to the sectional semifinal game. The girl's co-op hockey team qualified for the state tournament for the first time in its history.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Boys Basketball – Ryan Carney, Girls Basketball – Michaela Lievi, Boys Hockey – Tyler Provost, Jimmy Tierney, Girls Hockey – Jamie Gottwald, Taylor Brown (SEMGHL League, Wrestling - Chris Servello, Josh Briggs, Girls Indoor Track – Olivia Mileika, Boys Indoor Track – Dan Moverman, Isaiah Matier, Connor Donovan, Girls Swimming – Jacquey Gover, Ashley Branagan, and Boys Swimming – Zach Vogel

Wrestler Josh Briggs was sectional champion and finished 3rd in the state. Chris Servello scored the most points in a season (101) by an OA wrestler. Connor Donovan was the Hockomock 1000 Champion and finished 2nd in the Class C meet, 6th in the All States, and 10th at the New England Championship. Jacquey Gover was the sectional diving champion and finished 4th in state competition.

In the *Spring 2014* Baseball went 17-5 on the season, won the Hockomock Davenport title for the 5th straight year, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the sectional tournament. Softball also won the League and qualified for the state tournament. Girls track went undefeated and won the League title for the 4th straight year. The boys were League co-champs at 4-1.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Baseball – Mike Ferrara, Brendan Welch, Softball – Erin Lynch, Girls Lacrosse – Megan Bosse, Boys Track – Doug MacDonald, Isaiah Matier, Dan Moverman, Emanuel Simeon, Cameron Williamson, Girls Track –

Gabrielle Eldridge, Emily Flaherty, Christina Franciosi, Michaela Lievi, Olivia Mileika, Basia Osborne, and Boys Tennis – Thomas O’Leary. In addition, Dan Moverman finished first in the 2 mile at the State Class Meet. Basia Osborne was long jump champion at the State Coaches’ Meet and set an OA record jumping 17’5.5”.

In the *Fall 2014*, OA had an incredible season with a combined record across all sports of 77 wins 25 losses, and 9 ties! Oliver Ames won 4 Hockomock Davenport Division titles (girls cross country, girls soccer, field hockey and golf) and finished 2nd in boys cross country, boys soccer and volleyball). Boys and girls soccer, field hockey, football, golf and volleyball qualified for the state tournament. Field hockey was undefeated during the regular season and lost in overtime in the sectional final. The golf team won the Hockomock League for the 3rd straight year, but their string of 33 straight dual meet victories came to an end in the last match of the season vs. Franklin. They finished 2nd in the sectional tournament to advance to the state finals for the 3rd straight year. The boy’s soccer team won the sectional tournament and advanced to the state final losing 1-0 to a very tough Concord/Carlisle team. Boy’s soccer coach, John Barata, and field hockey coach, Janice Sundell, were named Coaches of the Year by the Boston Globe for their respective sports.

Athletes receiving recognition for their achievements as Hockomock League All Stars were: Boys Cross Country – Connor Donovan, Cam Pressey, Jarod Boon, Girls Cross Country – Anna Loewal, Golf – JP Abela, Brian Lambert, Steven Tasho, Brady Allbritto, Field Hockey – Molly Cunha, Hannah Friend, Kara Arnol, Football – Franklin Holgate, Joey Tepper, Boys Soccer – Keegan Nutt, Brandon Boone, John Cerce, Girls soccer – Shannon Holleran, Francesca Calabraro, Delaney Benton, Volleyball – Meghan Hurley, and Mackenzie Webster. In addition, Molly Cunha was a Boston Herald All Scholastic Field Hockey selection. Boys soccer player, John Cerce, was selected Boston Herald All Scholastic and an Eastern Massachusetts All Star.

In September Oliver Ames was awarded the coveted Hockomock Val Muscato All Sports Award for 2013-14. This award recognizes the school ranked highest in overall performance versus Hockomock opponents across all sports. This success is a direct result of the fantastic support from parents, boosters, school administration, youth sports programs and the community.

Conclusion – The town of Easton has had much to be proud of in 2014. The staff and students who make up the school system continue to demonstrate why public education is a very worthwhile investment in the future success of our society. We are grateful to the community of Easton for their continued support, to the entire town government for valuing our work, and especially to the School Committee, led by Chairwoman, Colleen Less, who has brought unending energy and a passion for excellence to the schools. We look forward to continuing the tradition in 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Keough, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This office is located in the Town Hall and open to any veteran or service personnel who wishes to talk about any matter pertaining to his or her well-being. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) is knowledgeable about an array of federal, state, and local benefits to which veterans and dependents may be entitled.

The Town of Easton, the Commonwealth and other agencies offer variety of programs to assist veterans and their dependents regarding entitled benefits. We encourage residents to make use of these programs and to refer family, friends and neighbors who may be eligible.

www.easton.ma.us/departments/veterans_service/index.php

Highlights CY 2014:

- Departure of former VSO Christine Lang
- Hiring of full time VSO Hsiu-Ann Tom
- Made Ch. 115 financial assistance payments in excess of \$250,000 (75% will be reimbursed by the State)
- Attended the Department of Veterans Services/Massachusetts Veterans Service Officer Association joint training conference
- Participated in the Veterans Day Parade

CHAPTER 115 BENEFITS

Chapter 115 provides a needs based means tested program of financial and medical assistance for indigent veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies and medical care. These benefits are available for dependents of deceased veterans as well.

ANNUITY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provided an annuity in the amount of \$2,000 to 100% service connected disabled veterans, or to the parents, and or un-remarried spouses (Gold Star) of men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country during wartime. To apply contact your VSO or visit www.mass.gov/veterans

BONUSES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides a one-time bonus to eligible veterans who served during wartime from World War II through OPERATIONS Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Call 617.210.5927 for the Persian Gulf War Bonus. For all other bonuses, contact the Office of the State Treasurer 617.367.3900, ext. 543, or for OEF/OIF ext. 539

MOTOR VEHICLE BENEFITS

The Registry of Motor Vehicles now offers the option of having a "Veteran" designation added to licenses upon renewal. The RMV also provides a variety of veterans' license plates and a registration exemption for certain veteran. Call 617.351.9222 or see massrmv.com. Certain disabled veterans and former POWs are eligible for motor vehicle sales and excise tax exemptions. Contact the Dept. of Revenue at 617.887.6367.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

There are several types of property tax exemptions available to veterans in Massachusetts. M.G.L. c. 59, s.5, clause 22-22E & M.G.L. c. 58, s.8A provides details on eligibility. For further information, contact your local assessor's office at 508.230.0521 or the Dept. of Revenue at 617.626.2300.

HOUSING SERVICES

Dept. of Veterans' Services (DVS) contracts with a range of nonprofit organizations, which provide housing services to eligible veterans. All required that residents maintain a sober and drug-free environment. Services are available to both male and female veterans. For a complete listing, see www.mass.gov/veterans

The VA maintains a 24/7 national call center and online chat service for veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless 1.877.424.3838 or www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp

EMPLOYMENT

Career Works: 34 School St. Brockton

Area (DUA) Division Unemployment

Assistance Walk-In Center.

James Schmit

Veterans Employment Representative (DVOP) Job Search Specialist

Direct: 508-513-3422

Fax: 508-513-3498

Email: jschmit@detma.org

MEDICAL CARE AND DEATH

MassHealth pays for healthcare for certain low and medium income people living in Massachusetts.

MassHealth offers health-care benefits directly or by paying part or all of your health-insurance premiums.

Call the MassHealth Customer Service Center at 1-800-841-900 (TTY: 1-800-497-4648) to file a Medical Benefit Request (MBR).

COMMONWEALTH CARE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, a new program for uninsured adults that operated through the Connector Authority. Visit the Connector's Web site at www.mass.gov/connector.

DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Federal disability compensation is one of the most common benefits provided by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA). For additional information visit the Compensation and Pension Benefits section of the VA website at: www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/

SOLDIERS' HOMES

The Soldiers' Homes in Chelsea 617.884.5660 and Holyoke 413.532.9475 provides a variety of services to veterans, such as acute hospital, domiciliary, and long-term care; physical and occupational therapy and more.

VET CENTERS

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling, outreach, and referral services to veterans and their families in a relaxed, community based setting. Vet Centers also provide counseling for military sexual trauma and bereavement to parents, siblings, and spouses. Locations include Boston, Brockton, Hyannis, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester. For more information visit: www.vetcenter.va.gov/

SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides service for veterans in crisis. Call 1.800.273.8255 and press 1 to be connected immediately to VA suicide prevention and mental health professionals. Visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

MASSACHUSETTS SAVE PROGRAM

Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment (SAVE) program that assists veterans in need of referral services and seeks to prevent suicide and advocate on behalf of Massachusetts' veterans. Toll-free 1.888.844.2838, save@state.ma.us

HOME BASE PROGRAM

Home Base Program is a partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital that offers OEF/OIF veterans & their families' diagnostic assessments, treatment & referral services To learn more about the program call 617.724.5202 or homebaseprogram@partnership.org

BURIAL AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS

Most veterans are entitled to state and federal burial benefits and other memorial services. To locate the burial site of a veteran use the VA National Gravesite Locator at http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1.

VA OPERATED CEMETERIES

Massachusetts National Cemetery
Bourne, MA 508.563.7113
Woodland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot
Harvard St., Ayer, MA 01432

MARKERS AND HEADSTONES

The VA will provide markers or headstones for eligible veterans buried in private cemeteries at no cost to the veteran or his or her family.

MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL

The Dept. of Defense "Honoring Those Who Served" program provides dignified military funeral honors to veterans. To arrange military funeral honors, contact your local funeral home.

DEATH PENSION

The VA provides pensions to low-income surviving spouses and unmarried children of deceased veterans with wartime service.

REPLACEMENT MEDALS, AWARDS, AND DECORATIONS

Veterans and their families may obtain replacements for lost medals or other decorations awarded to the veteran. Requests can be submitted online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

EDUCATION BENEFITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Many State and Federal programs are available for veterans and their families. Information is available at colleges, mass.gov, and va.gov.

For information, assistance or to make an appointment, contact Hsiu-Ann Tom at 508.230.0551 or e-mail htom@easton.ma.us

Respectfully submitted,

Hsiu-Ann Tom
Director of Veterans' Services

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District consists of a four-year public high school and a post-secondary technical institute. During 2013-2014, the high school offered 23 career majors to students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The Southeastern Technical Institute offered the following day programs: Practical Nurse, Medical Assisting and Dental Assisting. Evening programs included computer classes, driver's education, enrichment classes, HVAC, Health Claims, medical classes, Phlebotomy, Practical Nurse, and other trade & technical classes. A Culinary program is scheduled to begin in September, 2014, and Cosmetology will begin in March, 2015.

The Mission of the Southeastern Regional School District is to Transform Students into Lifelong Learners.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE consists of ten dedicated individuals elected from the communities of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.



Community	Committee Person	Contact Information
Brockton	Mark Linde Wayne McAllister	mlinde@sersd.org wmcallister@sersd.org
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Easton	Michael Pietrowski	mpietrowski@sersd.org
Foxborough	Stephen Udden	sudden@sersd.org
Mansfield	William Flannery	bflannery@sersd.org
Norton	Denis Feely	dfeely@sersd.org
Sharon	Mindy Kempner	mkempner@sersd.org
Stoughton	Robin Zoll	rzoll@sersd.org
West Bridgewater	Colleen Maloney	cmaloney@sersd.org

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year public high school serving the young men and women from the City of Brockton and the Towns of East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

At Southeastern this year, students chose from 23 career majors in preparation for life's opportunities and challenges. Our school combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential.

The schedule was designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helped reconnect students to education, and provided the basis for life-long learning – an essential skill in today's highly competitive global market.

Upon graduation, students had the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution, internships, certification programs, military service or going directly into the workforce.

Exploratory Program - The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students had not spent much time considering their future, we developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants selected several technical areas they wished to explore. The exploratory program consisted of examining many different program areas. Parents were encouraged to participate by asking their child about each program and by attending Freshman Parent Meetings.

Near the completion of the 9th grade, students were asked to choose a career major. Every effort was made to place students in their preferred career, with 91% receiving their first or second choice. Acceptance into many programs was highly competitive, and students were ranked based on their effort, grades, behavior, and attendance. It was imperative that ninth grade students did well in all their classes, maintained nearly perfect attendance, and avoided behavioral issues. Students not getting their first choice were assigned an alternate program and placed on a waiting list. All our programs prepared students for high-demand high-paying career fields.

SkillsUSA Massachusetts, in partnership with business and industry, provided opportunities for members to develop individually and improve teamwork, leadership and professional skills through education, training, service, and competition. SkillsUSA provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities. This year's competitions were held at local, state & national levels.

Cooperative Education program provided supervised workplace employment opportunities and learning experiences for qualified high school students. The Co-op program was based on an agreement developed among an employer, a student, and the high school staff. All were eligible to participate in Co-op, provided they met basic qualifications required by the school and employer. During the 2013/14 school year, 87 students were successfully placed on Co-op.

The process began when students were recommended by their vocational education teacher as being ready to work in the trade. These "job-ready" students were matched with an employer who offered work hours in a job related to the student's career program. Students participated in Co-op during their technical-vocational cycles.

Seniors who were enrolled in a vocational program for a minimum of two years and exceptional eleventh grade students with two years in the program were recommended by their vocational instructors to participate in the program. The decision to accept a student for Co-op was based on the student's vocational skill level, academic grades, attendance, and conduct records. Students were required to have OSHA training and employability certification. ★

CAREER CENTERS 2013-2014

School of Vocational & Technical Programs Leslie Weckesser, Vocational Director	Innovation Academy Linda Radzvilla, Vice Principal
Center for Transportation & Metalworking ➤ Automotive Technology ➤ Collision Repair ➤ Machine Technology ➤ Manufacturing ➤ Metal Fabrication	Center for Visual & Performing Arts ➤ Visual & Performing Arts ➤ Visual Arts ➤ Web Design ➤ Performing Arts ➤ Video & Music
Center for Health & Public Services ➤ Cosmetology ➤ Culinary Arts ➤ Dental Assisting ➤ Early Education & Care ➤ Health Services ➤ Medical Assisting	Center for Emerging Technologies ➤ Emerging Technology ➤ Environmental/Bio-Tech ➤ Legal & Protective Services ➤ Engineering Cluster ➤ Civil & Architectural Engineering ➤ Computer Networking ➤ Electronics Engineering ➤ Business Marketing
Center for Building & Design ➤ Carpentry ➤ Cabinet Making ➤ Construction ➤ Electrical ➤ Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration ➤ Plumbing	

ACADEMICS

Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than comprehensive school students. Not only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a 4-year college by working through academic courses.

Small Classes - Our very small class sizes afforded all students the opportunity to be exposed to honors level content and assignments while working in an integrated classroom on the standards in the Massachusetts Frameworks. Academics in a 21st century vocational school were developed to ensure that students who take full advantage of our offerings will have more opportunities for high level jobs and greater success in the future.

Committed Staff - The Academic Department philosophy is that each teacher will strive to create and foster an environment that promotes students' confidence and their motivation to learn. The staff is committed to implementing our standards based curriculum (in alignment with the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) in order to adhere to a clear and rational structure through which students, teachers, and parents can assess mastery. To ensure academic rigor, Southeastern is committed to differentiated instruction and inclusive classrooms because all students have the right to be exposed to the same high level curriculum. The Southeastern community understands and respects that our students are 21st century learners. Along with implementing traditional reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills, we continued to be in the educational forefront by accommodating individual student needs, by embracing technology, by fostering skills that support success in vocational areas, and by making efforts to stay current in each field of expertise for the benefit of Southeastern students.

My Access! - All students were exposed to a rigorous grade level appropriate curriculum in academic areas. In order to ensure that all students had the opportunity to excel, students and teachers used an online writing tool called MY Access!®, in both academic and vocational areas. This web-based tool could be used at home or in school to save time, to increase student confidence in writing while maintaining common school-wide writing expectations, and to improve critical thinking skills while increasing student confidence in academics.

Edline - All teachers and courses are linked to Edline in order for students and parents to monitor grades and assignments at home regularly. In addition to traditional textbooks, all content areas have web-based textbooks and web-based curriculum support.

Honors and Advanced Placement Commitment - All students were exposed to a rigorous grade level appropriate curriculum in academic areas. In order that all students have the opportunity to excel, students were able to make the honors commitment in one or more academic courses. In an academic class, all students were expected to meet the standards of the core curriculum. Those who wanted to could receive honors credit and go above and beyond elected honors coursework, in person or online.

Honors coursework was designed for the independently motivated learner who chose to prepare rigorously for college level expectations. Honors students must be able to work independently on multiple tasks at a given time. Honors students must be personally organized, disciplined, task committed, read above grade level, and self-motivated.

Honors students were expected to complete the entire core curriculum in addition to the projects, assessments, presentations, and readings that were required for honors students in a particular course/grade level/subject area. Work was assigned during vocational cycles and relied heavily on our web-based tools for learning. Honors students were required to have access to the internet at home, plan to use our computer labs, or plan to use their local library. Additional grade point average weight was given to students making the honors commitment, which could result in a higher class rank.

Virtual High School - Students who had proven to be independently motivated learners in all courses or in a particular content area aspiring to attend a four year college were recommended to take one or more Virtual High School courses during their sophomore to senior years. These students were required to be able to work independently on multiple tasks at a given time, personally organized, disciplined, task committed, reading above grade level, and self-motivated.

Classes were teacher facilitated and took place entirely over the internet. Class sizes were limited to 25, with an emphasis on interaction between teachers and students. It included student-centered activities and discussions. Students were able to post work to their class anytime, day or night. Classes followed a semester schedule and assignments were due at specified weekly intervals. Students who were recommended for VHS and made the yearlong commitment were enrolled in two semester long four credit courses or one year long eight credit course. To ensure students stayed on track, students reported to a

monitored computer lab for one block each academic cycle. The most recent course catalog is available by clicking "Catalog" under "Programs and Courses" at <http://thevhscollaborative.org/>.

VHS courses are monitored regularly, and adhere to the National Education Association's (NEA) recommended course guidelines for high quality online courses. Students may enroll at the Standard, Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement, or Advanced Placement level. Advanced Placement testing takes place yearly at Southeastern.

READ 180, System 44 and Expert 21 are comprehensive reading intervention programs proven to meet the needs of struggling readers, directly addressing individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, high-interest literature and non-fiction, and direct instruction in reading, writing, and vocabulary skills and foundational reading/phonics skills when necessary. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to excel, students identified through placement testing as reading significantly below grade level were enrolled in our Read 180 program during their freshman and sophomore years, and Expert 21 via 21st Century ELA (English Language Arts) for Juniors and Seniors.

Bridges to Algebra II and Math strategies supported students with significant deficiencies in mathematics. Students identified through placement testing as significantly below grade level were enrolled in our Math Strategies program during their sophomore year in conjunction with Bridges to Algebra II. The program directly addressed individual needs through differentiated instruction, adaptive and instructional software, and direct instruction in basic math skills and content area vocabulary skills. ★



ATHLETICS

The wide selection of athletic activities available to students at SRVTHS is listed below, along with contact information.

For information regarding the Athletics Schedule or registration, please contact Athletic Director Dan Tripp: dtripp@sersd.org, **508-230-1279**.

Fall Sports			
Boys' Soccer	Head Coach:	James Braga	jbraga@sersd.org
	Asst. Coach:	Greg Ribeiro	gribeiro@sersd.org
Cheerleading	Head Coach:	Brandi Loveday	brandimaeloveday@live.com
	Asst. Coach:	Brittany Clougher	brittanytaylor8687@gmail.com
Cross Country	Head Coach:	James Campbell	jcampbell@sersd.org
Football	Head Coach:	Dan Tripp	dtripp@sersd.org
	JV Coaches:	Chad Wunschel	cwunschel@sersd.org
		Jeffrey Bohning	jbohning@sersd.org
Girls' Soccer	Head Coach:	Andrew Thurston	athurston@sersd.org
Golf	Head Coach:	Derek Knudsen	dknudsen@sersd.org
Volleyball	Head Coach:	Margaret Vanderbaan	mrvanderbaan@sersd.org
Winter Sports			
Boys' Basketball	Head Coach:	Dean Duquette	dduquette@sersd.org
	Asst. Coach:	Derek Falcetta	dfalcetta@sersd.org
	Freshmen Coach:	Shane Coleman	scoleman@sersd.org
Basketball	Head Coach:	Brandi Loveday	brandimaeloveday@live.com
	Asst. Coach:	Brittany Clougher	brittanytaylor8687@gmail.com
Girls' Basketball	Head Coach:	James Campbell	jcampbell@sersd.org

	Assistant Coach:	Jerry Meneide	jmeneide@sersd.org
Hockey	Head Coach:	Mark Cabral	mcabral@sersd.org
	Assistant Coach:	Dave Mazzarella	dmazzarella@sersd.org
Wrestling	Head Coach:	Matt Siwik	msiwik@bluehills.org
	Asst. Coach:	Derek Seibert	dseibert@sersd.org
Spring Sports			
Baseball	Head Coach:	Donald Miller	dmiller@sersd.org
	Assistant Coach:	Dana Batchelder	batchelderD@sersd.org
	Freshmen Coach:	Gerry Kirk	gkirk@sersd.org
Boys' Lacrosse	Head Coach:	Jeff Bohning	jbohning@sersd.org
	Assistant Coach:	Tom Tibbetts	ttibbetts@sersd.org
Girls' Softball	Head Coach:	Chad Wunschel	cwunschel@sersd.org
	Asst.	Bill O'Connell	boconnel@sersd.org
	Coach:	Garrett Wunschel	gwunschel@sersd.org
Track and Field	Head Coach:	Sean Earle	searle@sersd.org
	Assistant Coaches:	James Campbell	jcampbell@sersd.org
		Jerry Meneide	jmeneide@sersd.org

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

There are many activity choices at Southeastern Regional. Listed below are just a few of the options:

- ✦ Business Professionals of America
- ✦ Community Service Club
- ✦ Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
- ✦ Drivers' Education
- ✦ Gay, Straight Alliance Club (GSA)
- ✦ National Honor Society
- ✦ Non-Traditional Support Group
- ✦ Peer Leadership
- ✦ Robotics Club
- ✦ SADD
- ✦ Ski Club
- ✦ SkillsUSA
- ✦ Student Council
- ✦ Southeastern Travel Club
- ✦ Yearbook



Participation in SkillsUSA and DECA provides Southeastern Regional students with the opportunity to earn local, state, and national awards for excellence in the technical skills they are learning at Southeastern Regional.

In addition to the above activities, Southeastern Regional offers school dances, Homecoming, Junior and Senior Proms, Sports and SkillsUSA Award Dinners, field trips, and a variety of special events.

Period 9-10 is scheduled to return in the autumn of 2014. Some of the new choices being added for the 2014-2015 school year include Cupeake Wars, Drawing, Photography, Coaching for Change, Fit Club, Walking Club, Sociology of Harry Potter, Film Studies, Science Fair Prep, Hip Hop Dance and Yoga.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Extensive research has shown that students achieve more in school when their parents are involved in their education. Parent Liaison Sofia Rasher was available to parents and guardians at srasher@sersd.org, or **508-230-1415**. Mrs. Rasher taught English for almost 40 years. After her retirement, she was offered a position at a non-profit in Quincy working with other teachers and teaching English as a second language. After several years there, she came to work as a parent liaison/ordinator at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. Parental involvement opportunities are as follows:

Parent Council met monthly in the early evening to discuss school policy. Staff discussed a variety of subjects with parents during early morning coffee and pastry hours.

Parent Coffee Hours - Parent Coffee Hours were held Fridays at 7:30 a.m., and grew in popularity with attendance ranging from five to 35. Each week representatives of various departments joined parents, enjoying coffee and pastry prepared by the culinary students. Presenters described their positions at SRVTHS, gave out explanatory materials, and answered questions. A sample of presenters and topics included Russ MacLeod (Parenting Adolescents), Christina Guarini and representative counselors (Guidance Department), Linda Radzvilla (Innovation Academy), Principal Dave Wheeler (Questions and Answers), Heidi Driscoll and Barbara Zamora (Academics and Academic Support), Sharon Toomey and Bob Umamo (Behavior Management, Attendance and Community Service), Joanne O'Connell (School Nurse), Ann Meade (Librarian and Media Specialist), Alex Benedict (Chromebooks), John Perry (Cafeteria Director), Daniel Tripp (Director of Athletics), Karen Maguire (Vice Principal) and Callie Gurney (School Resource Officer) and School Tours.

Edline (online grade/homework site) connects educators, parents, and students to share information.

Program Advisory Committee - Parent members were essential to ensure the curriculum was current with emerging trends and met the educational needs of students entering vocational fields. The committee met twice during the school year to review employment trends, equipment, curriculum, and communicate how to best prepare students for their prospective careers. For more information, see "Open to the Public, Program Advisory Committee below, or contact Terri Tello, tello@sersd.org, **508-230-1204**.

Southeastern Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is an organization of parents, teachers and administrators working to promote an environment where children with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment. It was open to all parents of special needs students in our Southeastern Regional community. Contact Derek Ferris, dferris@sersd.org, **508-230-1230**.

School Day Tour - Parents requested a tour of the school while in session during the day. They were entertained at Performing Arts' final rehearsal for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", enjoyed a student created igloo in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), saw a student designed and manufactured dragon and a gate made of tools in Welding, competitive cake decorating displays in Culinary Arts and toured the new Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting vocational programs.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Southeastern Alumni Association is made up of volunteer graduates and friends from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School who are committed to supporting the future of vocational education at Southeastern and building a social network of alumni. For information, contact Sandra Slattery, President, at sandislattery@hotmail.com.



Cosmetology Salon was open to the public, faculty and students by appointment, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. For appointments and pricing information, call **508-230-1269**.

Colonial Room - The student-run restaurant was open to the staff and general public during the school year. The restaurant was open for breakfast (8:45-10:15 a.m.) and lunch (10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) along with other special catered events. Check the calendar at www.sersd.org/ParentsCommunity/ColonialRoom.aspx for operating dates, times, and special events. For information, call **508-230-1237**.

Program Advisory Committee advises, assists and supports school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program.

The committee consists of representatives of local business and industry members related to each program, organized labor, post-secondary institutions, parents and guardians, students and representatives for registered apprenticeship programs if applicable. Meetings were held in the Fall of 2012 and Spring of 2013.

2013-2014 Advisory chairpersons included the following:

- ✦ Automotive Technology: David Brass
- ✦ Business Marketing: George Cataldo, Bill Roy
- ✦ Cabinetmaking: Douglas Edwards
- ✦ Collision Repair: James Cousin, Jr.
- ✦ Construction Technology: John Bodio
- ✦ Cosmetology: Sheri McIntyre
- ✦ Culinary Arts: Eric Freeman
- ✦ DVC: Louise Cote
- ✦ Dental Assisting: Cindy Bartlett
- ✦ Early Education: Frank Ray
- ✦ Electricity: David Rossman
- ✦ Engineering: Paul Livingstone
- ✦ Graphic Arts: John Kelley
- ✦ Health Services: Jamar Joseph, Kathy Vento
- ✦ HVAC: Earl Blundell
- ✦ Legal & Protective Services: Allen Krajcik
- ✦ Library: Beth Smith
- ✦ Machine Technology: David Jewett
- ✦ Medical Assisting: Malik Williams
- ✦ Metal Fabrication: Marc Roy
- ✦ Performing Arts: Kimberly Wilburn
- ✦ Plumbing: John Tupper

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

*The Southeastern
Technical Institute
received a perfect review
from the Council on
Occupational Education,
their new national
accreditation agency, and
received their maximum
term of accreditation of 6
years.*

The Mission of the Southeastern Technical Institute is to transform students into lifelong learners. The Mission and Goals are organized around four core philosophies: the Mastery of Foundation Skills, the Development of Interpersonal Skills, Proactive Student Engagement, and a commitment to Stretch Learning Initiatives.

In the past 47 years, Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses. This year, the Technical Institute housed day and evening Practical Nurse programs, a Medical Assistant program, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program, and a Dental Assistant program. In addition, there were several evening part time programs designed to meet the training needs of our community.

Two new Chapter 74 programs were approved to start during the 2014/2015 school year: Culinary Arts (September 2014) and Cosmetology (March 2015).

The STI participated in the Southeastern Regional School District's Program Advisory Committee, advising, assisting and supporting school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program. The Committee consisted of representatives of local business and industry members related to each program, organized labor, post-secondary institutions, parents and guardians, students and representatives for registered apprenticeship programs if applicable.

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STI Program Advisory Chairpersons include the following:

- ✦ Dental Assisting: Holly Connolly
- ✦ HVAC: Peter O'Conner
- ✦ Medical Assisting: Maria Buckley
- ✦ Practical Nurse: Jean Ivil
- ✦ Culinary Arts: Brad Ozerden
- ✦ Cosmetology: Debra Lapworth

STI PROGRAMS

Evening Programs	Day Programs
➤ Computer Programs ➤ Driver Education ➤ Electrical Apprenticeship ➤ Enrichment Classes ➤ Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) ➤ Health Claims ➤ Medical Classes ➤ Phlebotomy ➤ Plumbing Apprenticeship ➤ Practical Nurse	➤ Dental Assisting ➤ Medical Assisting ➤ Practical Nurse

DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Staff and students at the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and Southeastern Technical Institute had many achievements and accomplishments throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Below are a sample of condensed articles about the high school and Technical Institute. Press clips of complete articles and pictures included may be accessed online at <http://www.sersd.org/NewsCalendars/News.aspx>

GENERAL

6/17/14

Southeastern Regional Automotive Program Receives National Accreditation



The automotive training program at Southeastern Regional in South Easton has received accreditation by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). With this accreditation, Southeastern Regional has achieved a certified MAST (Master Automobile Service Technology) Program. Southeastern Regional's automotive program has been accredited in the following areas: Engine repair, Engine performance, Steering and Suspension, Electrical, Automatic Transmission / Transaxle and Drive Train, Manual

Transmission/Transaxle and Drive Train, HVAC and Brakes.

6/13/14

Southeastern Technical Institute Graduates 40 New Professionals



Forty students graduated from the Southeastern Technical Institute on June 4, having completed post-secondary training in the dental assistant, medical assistant and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) programs. Before graduation, the medical assisting students passed their certificate exams, and they are now ready for careers in the medical assisting field. The dental assisting candidates took their exams on June 6.

6/10/14

Southeastern Students Graduate from CERT Training



Thirty-six students from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School have received Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and are now qualified to participate as volunteers in emergency response situations. The students, who are upperclassmen majoring in Legal and Protective Services and Environmental Engineering, graduated from the program on May 16. Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson awarded the certificates at the graduation ceremony, and many other emergency response officials attended, including Emergency Management Directors from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

6/9/14

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School Class of 2014: What Makes Them Unique?



The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School Class of 2014 celebrated graduation with their families, friends and the school community on June 4, 2014, at the high school's Houlihan athletic field at 250 Foundry St., South Easton. The 294 graduates came from all nine communities in the district's catchment area (Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater). Some of their more unusual career goals include Robotics

designers, Film/Music producers, Forensic Scientists, Medical Prosthetic Design, Mortician, Midwife, Organic Farmer and Peace Corps volunteer and Video Game Designer.

5/29/14

Southeastern Technical Institute (STI) Offers Scholarships for New Cosmetology Program



After a careful market analysis, Southeastern Technical Institute - the adult education component of Southeastern Regional School District - chose to expand their offerings to include Cosmetology, an industry with current openings, and projected industry growth for 2012-2022. The Institute's application with the Department of Education was pre-approved in March of 2014 as a Chapter 74 program, and is now working its way through the Cosmetology Board of Massachusetts and application for accreditation by the Council on Occupational

Education for a new program.

5/23/14

Toddlers to Seniors Pampered at Southeastern Regional's 3rd Annual Childcare Beauty Day



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5/16/14

Southeastern Regional Voc Tech Students Advance to National Competition



Two Southeastern students, Nigell Dennis and Adrian Niles, will be competing in a national competition for African American students this July, after winning gold medals at the state level. Also, two other Southeastern students, Sebastien St. Hubert and Christal Lake, won second and third place in the same competition. Nigell won a gold medal for his smart watch, which includes a calculator, timer, notes, radio, GPS, and games. He also obtained the highest score in the computer division of the

Massachusetts High School State Science Fair, on May 1-3. Adrian won for a project that he has been working on and improving for more than 2 years – a personal transportation device that is similar to a Segway, but has a faster motor, and added features for the disabled and elderly.

5/15/14

Southeastern Regional Presents Its First Musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School's after school drama program 9/10 Players delighted audiences May 8-10, 2014 in evening and matinee presentations of the Tony-nominated, musical adaptation of the classic Charles Schultz favorite "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." The students told the story of everyone's favorite "lovable loser" Charlie Brown as he boldly navigates another one of those days.

5/13/14

Southeastern Regional's Student Earns Spot in 50th Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School students captured Gold, at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills state competition, held earlier this month at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlboro, MA. Matt Niklason, a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) student secured a gold medal and a spot to compete in the 50th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) in Kansas City this summer.

5/6/14

Holocaust Survivor Offers Heartfelt Account of Family's Destruction and Survival



Southeastern seniors will be graduating in just a few weeks, and just as important as having good grades, or good job prospects, are the memories they will be taking with them. One of the most powerful was instilled last week, when Jewish Holocaust survivor Janet Applefield gave a first-hand account of how she and her family were treated during World War II. The Canton woman shared family photographs and stories with more than 140 students, as a culmination of a new history course at Southeastern called "The Holocaust

and Human Behavior." After the presentation, the students said that they were moved by the courageous way she presented herself.

5/6/14

Southeastern Students Plan and Execute Search-and-Rescue Operation on School Grounds



Twenty eight Southeastern students participated in a light search-and-rescue operation this past month, which has provided them with vital training that can help the community during emergencies. The operation, which took place on April 10, was planned by three students, Kiara Jones, Deana Paton and Marcus Puleo, who are majoring in Legal and Protective Services. They contacted law enforcement officials from the Bristol County Sheriff's Department, who brought in a Mobile Command Center Station, which is a large trailer that is filled with equipment to aid in search-and-rescue incidents.

4/30/14

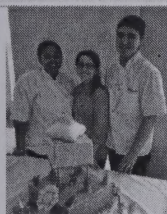
Southeastern Students Witness Real Life Lessons During Mock Crash Demonstration



Southeastern teacher James Braga shared the tragic story of his late father during a mock crash demonstration last week, bringing tears and valuable lessons to students and fellow staff members. James Braga, who shares the same first name of his father, spoke at an assembly on April 17, to a group of juniors and seniors and their teachers. He told them that his dad, who was a retired teacher from Middleborough High School, was killed a year ago last March, driving just a mile outside his home. He was struck by a car driven by a former student who had run a red light, driving 85 miles-per-hour. Not surprisingly, that student had also been drinking and smoking marijuana earlier that day.

4/11/14

Southeastern Regional's Culinary Arts Students Create Prize-Winning Cake



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School's Culinary Arts students spent Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the 7th Annual SkillsUSA Bristol Community College Cake Competition and came home with a 3rd place win with their cake based on the Disney hit movie "Frozen." This is the 2nd year Southeastern Regional has participated. Students collaborated with teammates to create a total of five Disney theme cakes, from initial concepts and ideas through completion of their finished project, under the guidance of Culinary Arts instructor and Pastry Chef Courtney Silva.

3/23/14

Southeastern Regional's State of the Arts Media Center Home to Student Book Clubs



Among the high technology resources provided to students at the newly constructed Media Center at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, you can still find a group of avid readers opting for the book club arrangement. "We've had book clubs here at the school over the years, but never this consistent before. The current ones started about 3 years ago with a single club splitting into two groups this year - a regular Novels group and a Graphic Novels/Manga group. This group of students has really embraced the concept of a book club, so now that it's established, it's easier to add members and continue to grow" said Anne Meade, Media Specialist and facilitator of the book clubs at Southeastern.

3/3/14

Southeastern Regional Senior Connects Justice Studies with Her Love for Animals



Alexis Eartbeway put a lot of thought into fulfilling her community service project requirement based on her Criminal Justice major. "I wanted a project that would combine my career studies with my love of animals, so I began searching online for community services involving animals. I found Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog, and decided to help provide bullet proof jackets and first aid kits for police dogs," she said.

2/27/14

SRVTHS Students Earn Medals at SkillsUSA District Competition



On Thursday, February 27, 2014, 121 students from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School netted 7 Gold, 16 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA District II Competition at Diman Regional Technical High School in Fall River. They were part of the nearly 600 competitors from Attleboro, BMC Durfee, Bristol Community College, Bristol-Plymouth, Dighton-Rehoboth, Diman and Tri-County. "The SkillsUSA District Competition is a learning tool to help stimulate and challenge students to learn and strengthen their knowledge in their individual trade area, and hopefully move on to the State level," said Southeastern's SkillsUSA advisor Sheila Fox.

2/14/14

Dental Assisting Students Attend Yankee Dental Congress



Eleven students in Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School's new Dental Assisting Program complemented their studies and enjoyed exposure to the latest products and services at the Yankee Dental Congress at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on Friday, January 31, 2014. The event was free for the students, who experienced a very professional conference among like-minded attendees. Transportation and lunch was provided by Southeastern Regional. "Students were given the opportunity to explore the exhibit hall floor, meet with dental vendors and viewed dental implants, instruments, toothbrushes, new equipment, x-ray machines - basically everything having to do with the dental professions," said their instructor Mrs. Tracey Green. "The students left with bags of samples from the various vendors, including new polishing toothpaste, and other dental items."

2/10/14

Southeastern Regional Announces 2014 DECA District Conference Winners



Congratulations to the 31 Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) members who enjoyed the opportunity of showcasing their skills last week at the 2014 DECA District Conference. The students placed in their selected competitive categories and will move on to the Massachusetts State Career Development Conference competition at the Boston Marriot Copley Hotel on March 6-8, 2014, where they will compete with other district winners from other Massachusetts high schools for medals, trophies and for the opportunity to attend the International Career Development Conference.

1/8/14

SRVTHS Cosmetology Teams Win 7th Annual Battle of the Seniors Avant Garde Competition



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School Cosmetology Majors took first place against the Plymouth South High School team in the 2013/2014 annual Avant Garde competition. Industry professionals judged student teams on hair, makeup, costume, backdrop, runway and a number of other categories, while Southeastern's Cosmetology instructors Mary Kobey and Christine Gauthier, friends and family members enjoyed displays and a runway show. The 1st Place team, "Day of the Dead" included Maria Coviello of Norton and Jordan Aldridge of Brockton

1/6/14

SRVTHS Students Experience Junior Achievement's Stock Market Challenge



A team of four Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School students experienced a real world life lesson about the free enterprise system at the 8th Annual Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge at the State Street Corporation in Boston on November 21, 2013. The Business Marketing students spent the day in a realistic stock exchange, complete with a stimulating, high energy trading floor competition and getting the attention of over utilized traders.

12/22/13

SRVTHS Students Earn Gold and Silver Medals at SkillsUSA Leadership Conference



Seven student representatives from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School earned their pins as well as certificates for a job well done at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Fall Leadership Conference at the Marlborough Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center, November 24-26, 2013. According to SkillsUSA Massachusetts, participants experienced "intensive leadership training in communication skills, group dynamics and employability skills, while having opportunities to become involved in the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program (PDP), earn a SkillsUSA Massachusetts Leader Award, and learn more about SkillsUSA's various programs. Chapter Advisors at the conference also (had) the opportunity to earn Professional Development Points."

12/12/13

SRVTHS Students Receive John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Families of seventy-five Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School students celebrated and applauded their teens who successfully qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The scholarships provide tuition waivers to public colleges and universities within Massachusetts.

11/25/13

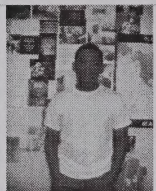
United States Congressman Joseph P Kennedy, III, Speaks at Ribbon Cutting and Open House at Southeastern Regional



This year's open house at Southeastern Regional School District (Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and the Southeastern Technical Institute) was held Saturday, November 23, 2013. Festivities began with a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the school system's 3 year, \$32,000,000 renovation project. Congressman Joseph Kennedy III addressed a full Student Commons Area, lauding the district for providing the tools and resources to create a foundation for graduates to compete in the job market, not just upon graduation, but for years into the future.

11/21/13

SRVTHS Senior, Sebastian St. Hubert, Already On His Way to a Career in Music



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School student Sebastian St. Hubert loves music, so when some friends told him about an after school program for underserved Boston 4th to 12th graders called "Berklee City Music," he contacted the program founder and showed him how much he really wanted to do the program. "I told Mr. Warner I understand that the program is only for kids in certain areas and even though I didn't live in any of those areas, I asked for one chance to show him I am worth it and that I was ready for work! So he gave me that chance," Sebastian said.

11/12/13

Exchange Students Receive Valuable Training at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School



Jeroen "Jerome" Zevenberger of Utrecht, The Netherlands, was faced with the decision of which college to attend when he graduated high school last June at the age of 16. His father, a former exchange student himself, suggested Jeroen use this time to experience a new country. "In the Netherlands, most students graduate at age 17, but because my birthday is in September, I was probably the youngest in my graduating class" Jeroen said. His new friend, Shutaro Tsuchida from Tokyo, Japan came to learn English, learn about American culture, and hopes to use his Business Marketing training to launch a career in international trade.

11/9/13

SRVTHS Students Win Medals at 62nd Annual New England Theater Conference Convention (NETC)



Mark Wilburn, a Performing Arts student at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, impressed judges and took 1st place in Acting at the NETC this October 24-27, 2013. In addition to the Gold win, Bronze winners from SRVTHS include Jonathan Berry of North Easton (Set Design) and Jesse Arruda of Brockton (Costume Design).

11/4/13

Former Celtics Player Chris Herren Shares His Story at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School



On Friday morning, November 1st, juniors and seniors gathered in the new gymnasium to view "Hoop Dreams", a film about former NBA star and Boston Celtics' Chris Herren's personal journey from high school student to "basketball junkie". A personal appearance by Mr. Herren followed, during which he continued the story and fielded students' questions.

10/21/13

Southeastern Regional Student Captures National Title in 2013 Popular Science (Magazine) Science Fair

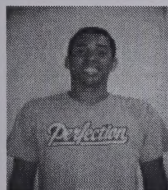


Emily MacDonald, a junior at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and Brockton resident is no stranger to Science Fairs. With wins at the high school and regional levels, Miss MacDonald captured 1st prize at the high school level for her investigation of the misconceptions of bottled and tap water, through her project entitled "Why do you buy bottled water?" Her win appears on page 2 of the September 2013 issue of the internationally distributed magazine and at the Popular Science website at

<http://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2013-08/2013-popsoci-science-fair-winners>.

9/24/13

Southeastern Regional Announces 2014 Class Officers



Newly elected class president Joshua Olivencia, a Business Marketing Major from Brockton, is already planning for a successful senior year for both himself and his fellow classmates. Also elected to office are Vice President and Business Marketing Major Amberly Mendes of Brockton, Secretary and Cosmetology Major Anai Reid of Brockton and Electrical Engineering Student Jonathan Berry of North Easton, Treasurer.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES

EASTON

6/16/14

Southeastern Voc Tech Class of 2014 Easton Residents Receive Congratulations from Family and Friends



To Stephen Blood, Plumbing – *We wish you all the best in the world. We are very proud of you.* – Pamela & Russ Blood, Grandparents

To Jonathan Berry, Engineering/Electronics – *We wish you the best with all your endeavors. We love you!!* – Susan & Michael Berry, Parents



6/13/14

Southeastern Technical Institute Graduates 40 New Professionals



Forty students graduated from Southeastern Technical Institute on June 4, having completed post-secondary training in the dental assisting, medical assisting and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) programs. The following Easton residents graduated in Medical Assisting: Dennis Gramz, Genevieve Wax, BethSheba Waitbaka

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6/3/14

Meet Jonathan Berry, Southeastern Regional's Valedictorian and Top Graduate from Easton



Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to recognize Jonathan Berry, Electronics Major, as Valedictorian and Class of 2014 graduate holding the highest grade point average from the sending community of Easton.

5/23/14

Easton Grandma and Grandchild Pampered at Southeastern Regional's 3rd Annual Childcare Beauty Day



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2/27/14

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Gold – Richard Alger

Silver – Joseph Hazel

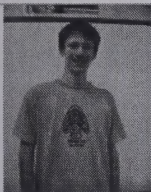
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John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

Families of seventy-five Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School students celebrated and applauded their teens who successfully qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The scholarships provide tuition waivers to public colleges and universities within Massachusetts. Easton community recipients at SRVTHS include Richard Alger, Jonathan Berry, Joseph Hazel, Nicholas Rivera, and Dylan Spender.

9/24/13

**Jonathan Berry of South Easton Elected Treasurer of the Class of 2014
at
Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School**



Electrical Engineering Student Jonathan Berry of North Easton has been elected Treasurer for Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School's Class of 2014. Also elected were Class of 2014 President Joshua Olivencia, a Business Marketing Major from Brockton, Vice President and Business Marketing Major Amberly Mendes of Brockton, and Secretary and Cosmetology Major Anaik Reid of Brockton.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional documents and information may be accessed at our website at <http://www.sersd.org>.

- ✦ **NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Decennial Report:**
<http://www.sersd.org/AboutUs/NEASC.aspx>
- ✦ **Staff Directory:** <http://www.sersd.org/AboutUs/StaffDirectory.aspx>
- ✦ **2013-2016 School Improvement Plan:**
<http://www.sersd.org/AboutUs/PhilosophyGoals.SchoolImprovementPlan.aspx>
- ✦ **Listing and links for Southeastern Regional Handbooks:** Student Handbook with Amendment to Student Handbook for Students with Disabilities, Employee Handbook, Official Federation Contract Agreement, Bullying Prevention/Intervention Plan, School Calendar 2013-2014:
<http://www.sersd.org/AboutUs/HandbookDocuments.aspx>

**Report of the Town Collector
for the Year Ending June 30, 2014**

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2013	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers to Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2014
Personal Property						
Prior Years	1,910					1,910
2004	2,085					2,085
2005	6,877					6,877
2006	2,155				1,388	767
2007	1,956				1,271	685
2008	1,845				1,350	495
2009	2,070				1,591	479
2010	4,349				2,024	2,325
2011	6,333				2,177	4,156
2012	7,286				2,310	4,976
2013	17,282				5,891	11,391
2014		916,686	12,086		887,254	17,345
	<u>\$ 54,148</u>	<u>\$ 916,686</u>	<u>\$ 12,086</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 905,257</u>	<u>\$ 53,491</u>

Real Estate

Prior Years	520					520
2006	(4,148)					(4,148)
2007	58					58
2008	-					-
2009	(6,715)					(6,715)
2010	(9,830)					(9,830)
2011	47					47
2012	530				(2)	532
2013	515,267	103,680	39,482	181,014	395,665	2,786
2014		46,181,009	228,275	322,411	45,234,278	396,045
	<u>\$ 495,729</u>	<u>\$ 46,284,689</u>	<u>\$ 267,757</u>	<u>\$ 503,425</u>	<u>\$ 45,629,941</u>	<u>\$ 379,295</u>

Motor Vehicle

Excise

Prior years	67,910				308	67,602
2004	13,885				114	13,771
2005	10,353					10,353
2006	12,876				684	12,192
2007	20,731				948	19,783
2008	19,311				1,998	17,313
2009	21,611				4,147	17,464
2010	20,671				2,942	17,729
2011	21,276		1,265		5,002	15,009
2012	53,781	329	3,852		30,732	19,526
2013	222,978	303,240	30,958		443,359	51,901
2014		3,049,935	120,252		2,740,872	188,811
	<u>\$ 485,383</u>	<u>\$ 3,353,504</u>	<u>\$ 156,327</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,231,106</u>	<u>\$ 451,454</u>

Trash User

Fees

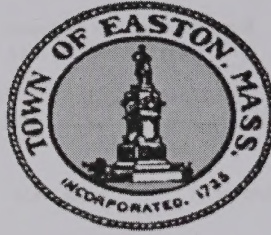
2008	(65)					(65)
2009	(65)		90		(90)	(65)
2010	(65)		90		(30)	(125)
2011	119	432	522		30	(1)
2012	79	238	263	90	(27)	(9)
2013	47,423	850	637	31,698	15,973	(35)
2014		1,006,065	7,078		939,565	59,422
	<u>\$ 47,426</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,585</u>	<u>\$ 8,680</u>	<u>\$ 31,788</u>	<u>\$ 955,421</u>	<u>\$ 59,122</u>

**Water Rates
and Services**

\$ 221,447	\$ 2,911,078	\$ 5	\$ 158,745	\$ 2,744,804	\$ 228,971
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Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Bank Accounts	Balance 30, 2013	June	+ Receipts	-Payments	Balance June 30, 2014
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	\$ 16,308,769.51	\$	91,820,372.95	\$ 89,401,839.52	\$ 18,727,302.94
Trust Funds					
Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,432,064.39	\$	17,423.46	\$ 50,163.95	\$ 1,399,323.90
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 411,161.78	\$	5,155.33	-	\$ 416,317.11
OPEB	\$ 50,058.36	\$	627.68	-	\$ 50,686.04
300th Anniversary Trust	\$ 10,036.25	\$	20.21	-	\$ 10,056.46
Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 947,274.95	\$	2,086.93	\$ 162,256.89	\$ 787,104.99
Conservation Fund	\$ 247,087.68	\$	394.66	\$ 55,767.76	\$ 191,714.58
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 10,714.30	\$	10,625.10	-	\$ 21,339.40
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$ 5,457.37	\$	5.59	\$ 3,614.69	\$ 1,848.27
OAHS Naming Campaign	\$ 84,982.28	\$	116.94	\$ 32,631.95	\$ 52,467.27
Mary Stone Library Fund	\$ 6,438.25	\$	16.12	-	\$ 6,454.37
Subtotal	\$ 3,205,275.61	\$	36,472.02	\$ 304,435.24	\$ 2,937,312.39
Scholarship Funds					
Catherine Hobart Ames	\$ 311,831.52	\$	5,928.28	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 311,759.80
Charis/Macrans Scholarship	\$ 23,658.16	\$	47.33	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 22,205.49
Connie Pozzo	\$ -	\$	1,905.30	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 405.30
Coyle Green Scholarship	\$ 17,110.68	\$	34.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 16,144.93
Duggan Scholarship	\$ 30,756.64	\$	174.89	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 24,831.53
School Scholarships	\$ 1,511.91	\$	73,551.74	\$ 13,410.00	\$ 61,653.65
Ellen Atwood	\$ 2,403.34	\$	6.02	-	\$ 2,409.36
Parker Ames	\$ 146,696.98	\$	34,773.92	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 178,470.90
Mary A. Stone	\$ 7,122.48	\$	17.83	-	\$ 7,140.31
World War Memorial	\$ 46,312.30	\$	442.13	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 43,854.43
Young	\$ 3,602.07	\$	9.02	-	\$ 3,611.09
Subtotal	\$ 591,006.08	\$	116,890.71	\$ 35,410.00	\$ 672,486.79
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds					
Furnace Village Cemetery	\$ 22,949.63	\$	57.14	\$ 162.62	\$ 22,844.15
Pine Grove Cemetery	\$ 7,069.76	\$	17.70	-	\$ 7,087.46
Immaculate Conception	\$ 8,839.52	\$	22.12	-	\$ 8,861.64
South Easton	\$ 11,513.49	\$	28.82	-	\$ 11,542.31
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	\$ 14,865.55	\$	37.21	-	\$ 14,902.76
Subtotal	\$ 65,237.95	\$	162.99	\$ 162.62	\$ 65,238.32
Total Cash	\$ 20,170,289.15	\$	91,973,898.67	\$ 89,741,847.38	\$ 22,402,340.44



ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - July 01, 2013	\$1,440,335.17
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Additions:

New Tax Takings	\$721,527.71
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Deductions:

Redemptions:	\$629,389.15
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Foreclosures	\$19,445.37
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Balance - June 30, 2014	\$1,513,028.36
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Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2014

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2013	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2014	Interest Paid in FY2014
Buildings	520,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	455,000.00	15,925.00
Departmental Equipment	713,000.00	220,000.00	199,000.00	734,000.00	19,699.00
School Buildings	19,045,000.00	100,000.00	1,185,000.00	17,960,000.00	788,208.00
School - All Other	966,300.00	0.00	105,300.00	861,000.00	23,349.00
Sewer	5,176,917.00	0.00	272,383.00	4,904,534.00	70,971.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	5,902,701.00	725,000.00	441,700.00	6,186,001.00	190,630.00

SUB - TOTAL Inside	\$32,323,918.00	\$1,045,000.00	\$2,268,383.00	\$31,100,535.00	\$1,108,782.00
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Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2013	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2014	Interest Paid in FY2014
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	6,415,000.00	0.00	1,295,000.00	5,120,000.00	270,787.00
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	2,243,000.00	0.00	319,000.00	1,924,000.00	60,935.00
Water	2,175,000.00	0.00	385,000.00	1,790,000.00	64,794.00
Other Outside	253,273.00	0.00	17,709.00	235,564.00	2,756.00

SUB - TOTAL Outside	\$11,086,273.00	\$0.00	\$2,016,709.00	\$9,069,564.00	\$399,272.00
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TOTAL Long Term Debt	\$43,410,191.00	\$1,045,000.00	\$4,285,092.00	\$40,170,099.00	\$1,508,054.00
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Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2013	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2014	Interest Paid in FY2014
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RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	100,000.00	1,985,000.00	100,000.00	1,985,000.00	650.00
Sewer				0.00	0.00
Water	0.00	450,000.00	0.00	450,000.00	0.00
Other BANs	1,015,000.00	1,515,000.00	1,015,000.00	1,515,000.00	5,432.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	

TOTAL Short Term Debt	\$1,115,000.00	\$3,950,000.00	\$1,115,000.00	\$3,950,000.00	\$6,082.00
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GRAND TOTAL All Debt	\$44,525,191.00	\$4,995,000.00	\$5,400,092.00	\$44,120,099.00	\$1,560,843.00
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Authorized and Unissued Debt					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescinded	= Unissued 6/30/2014
Library	04/8/96 & 09/7/06	7 & 4	5,700,000.00	5,664,000.00	36,000.00
Septic MWPAT	05/11/98	60	200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
Library Access Rd	05/20/02	12	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
School	01/13/03	22	66,000,000.00	66,000,000.00	0.00
School Boilers	05/19/08	11	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Pumping Station Solar Photovolta	10/05/09	5	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00
Wastewater Facility	05/16/11	10	3,300,000.00	3,155,295.00	144,705.00
Land Acquisition	05/16/11	20	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
Departmental Equipment	05/16/11	27	410,000.00	400,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Defibrillators	05/21/12	29	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Communications Equip	05/21/12	29	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
DPW Lincoln St Roadway Improv	05/21/12	29	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
DPW Sidewalk Snow Plow w/ Att	05/21/12	29	165,000.00	165,000.00	0.00
Water Main Replacement	05/21/12	29	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Middle School Roof Replacement	5/21/12 & 11/19/1	30	2,250,000.00	1,026,078.00	1,223,922.00
Septic MWPAT	05/21/12	31	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00
DPW Main St Revitalization Proj	05/20/13	27	980,000.00	0.00	980,000.00
Water	05/20/13	27	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
DPW Municipal Facilities Asset M	05/20/13	27	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
DPW Equipment	05/20/13	27	415,000.00	0.00	415,000.00
Fire Pumper Replacement	05/20/13	27	525,000.00	0.00	525,000.00
School Special Education Van	05/20/13	27	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Septic Loan Program	05/20/13	31	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
Moreau Hall Elem Sch Roof	11/04/13	9	1,500,000.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
Depot St Land Acq CPA	05/19/14	20	2,600,000.00	0.00	2,600,000.00
Depot St Land Acq Non - CPA	05/19/14	20	330,000.00	0.00	330,000.00
DPW Motor Equipment	05/19/14	21	436,000.00	0.00	436,000.00
DPW Paving Management Road	05/19/14	21	1,500,000.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
Fire Vehicles	05/19/14	21	82,495.00	0.00	82,495.00
Police Cruisers	05/19/14	21	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00
Sch Special Ed Van	05/19/14	21	47,000.00	0.00	47,000.00
Water Main Replacement	05/19/14	21	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
Septic System Upgrade	05/19/14	22	1,000,000.00	0.00	1,000,000.00
TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt					\$13,360,465.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2013	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2013	Interest Paid in FY2014
August 23 2012 BAN mid sch rf	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	650.00
August 23 2012 BAN fire defib	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	390.00
August 23 2012 BAN fire radios	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	195.00
August 23 2012 BAN dpw sdwlk	165,000.00	0.00	165,000.00	0.00	1,073.00
August 23 2012 BAN st improv	225,000.00	0.00	225,000.00	0.00	1,463.00
September 27 2012 BAN con/pres	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00	0.00	2,264.00
June 7 2013 BAN Wstwr Trmnt	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00	48.00
August 23 2013 BAN Wstwr Trmnt		20,000.00		20,000.00	
August 23 2013 BAN Middle School Roof Replacem		1,150,000.00		1,150,000.00	
August 23 2013 BAN DPW Dept Equipment		415,000.00		415,000.00	
August 23 2013 BAN DPW Main Revitalization		980,000.00		980,000.00	
August 23 2013 BAN Municipal Facilities AMS		100,000.00		100,000.00	
August 23 2013 BAN Sch Special Ed Van		35,000.00		35,000.00	
Water Main Replacement		250,000.00		250,000.00	
April 4 2014 BAN Water		200,000.00		200,000.00	
April 4 2014 BAN Elementary School Roof		800,000.00		800,000.00	
TOTAL	1,115,000.00	3,950,000.00	1,115,000.00	3,950,000.00	6,083.00

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, which includes the combined balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit. Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

I would like to thank my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Peg Horne for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Special thanks are also given to our volunteer, Maxine Melanson for helping out our department. I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

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TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2014

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency		
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	6,246,258	8,586,091	1,354,552	1,452,667	4,762,772	-	22,402,340
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	423,788	4,793	-	-	-	-	428,581
Personal property taxes	53,467	-	-	-	-	-	53,467
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,872,853	-	-	-	-	-	1,872,853
Utility user charges receivable	-	-	-	521,402	-	-	521,402
Utility liens	-	-	-	7,218	-	-	7,218
Betterments	-	446,814	-	2,235,954	-	-	2,682,768
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	451,333	-	-	-	-	-	451,333
Departmental and other	1,873,522	54,118	-	917	-	-	1,928,557
Intergovernmental	45,361	448,737	237,092	-	-	-	731,190
Allowance for abateements and exemptions	(288,467)	-	-	-	-	-	(288,467)
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	150,956,180	150,956,180
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	40,986,160	40,986,160
Total Assets	10,678,115	9,540,553	1,591,644	4,218,158	4,762,772	191,942,340	222,733,582
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	1,423,121	-	-	-	-	-	1,423,121
Accrued liabilities	933,649	-	-	-	-	-	933,649
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	4,386,496	505,725	88,710	2,765,490	-	-	7,746,421
Tax refunds payable	963	-	-	-	-	-	963
Other liabilities	258,098	38,794	-	-	745,602	-	1,042,494
Notes payable	-	-	3,500,000	450,000	-	-	3,950,000
General long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	40,986,160	40,986,160
Total Liabilities	7,002,327	544,519	3,588,710	3,215,490	745,602	40,986,160	56,082,808
Fund Equity:							
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	173,655	-	-	173,655
Unreserved	-	-	-	829,013	-	-	829,013
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	193,230	-	-	-	-	-	193,230
Reserved for continuing appropriations	605,135	3,534,535	-	-	-	-	4,139,670
Reserved for expenditures	1,211,408	264,551	-	-	-	-	1,475,959
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	-	74,446	-	74,446
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for petty cash	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
Unreserved:							
Designated-for snow & ice / overlay deficit	(399,909)	-	-	-	-	-	(399,909)
Undesignated	2,065,324	5,196,948	(1,997,066)	-	3,942,724	150,956,180	160,164,110
Total Fund Equity	3,675,788	8,996,034	(1,997,066)	1,002,668	4,017,170	150,956,180	166,650,774
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	10,678,115	9,540,553	1,591,644	4,218,158	4,762,772	191,942,340	222,733,582

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Revenues							
Property taxes	47,013,250	1,062,352	-	-	-	-	48,075,602
Excise taxes	3,231,966	-	-	-	-	-	3,231,966
Penalties, interest & fines	460,018	3,890	-	65,208	-	-	529,116
Licenses, permits and fees	2,295,875	-	-	-	-	-	2,295,875
Investment income	24,970	41,792	-	12,369	67,151	-	146,282
Departmental	-	2,938,181	-	-	-	-	2,938,181
Intergovernmental - state	12,751,419	3,491,329	2,880,337	7,098	-	-	19,130,183
Intergovernmental - federal	-	1,429,324	-	-	-	-	1,429,324
User charges	-	-	-	3,989,019	-	-	3,989,019
Other	757,289	1,201,082	1,290	18,383	81,311	-	2,059,355
	66,534,787	10,167,950	2,881,627	4,092,077	148,462	-	83,824,903
Expenditures							
General government	13,464,136	917,175	-	-	71,764	-	14,453,075
Public safety	8,134,439	598,168	210	-	1,275	-	8,734,092
Education	35,849,553	3,795,285	2,099,127	-	67,464	-	41,811,429
Public works	3,093,455	892,717	2,959,136	2,745,275	-	-	9,690,583
Human services	799,617	665,318	-	-	-	-	1,464,935
Culture and recreation	494,010	232,540	-	-	-	-	726,550
Debt service	4,893,469	271,561	-	659,685	-	-	5,824,715
State and county assessments	762,966	-	-	-	-	-	762,966
Capital outlay	566,881	350,421	-	1,233,045	-	-	2,150,347
	68,058,526	7,723,185	5,058,473	4,638,005	140,503	-	85,618,692
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,523,739)	2,444,765	(2,176,846)	(545,928)	7,959	-	(1,793,789)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	500,000	545,000	-	-	-	1,045,000
Transfers between funds	894,149	(749,656)	-	(547,753)	403,260	-	-
	894,149	(249,656)	545,000	(547,753)	403,260	-	1,045,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(629,590)	2,195,109	(1,631,846)	(1,093,681)	411,219	-	(748,789)
Beginning fund equity	4,305,378	6,800,925	(365,220)	2,096,349	3,605,951	150,956,180	167,399,563
Ending fund equity	3,675,788	8,996,034	(1,997,066)	1,002,668	4,017,170	150,956,180	166,650,774

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Dept	Brief Description of Item	Committee Ranking	Initial Inclusion Date	FY'2015 Requested	FY'2015 Funded
School - HHR/FIO	Fire Alarm Control Panel	1	10/1/2013	26,700	26,700
Fire	SCBA Packs and Bottles	2	11/1/2007	65,760	65,760
EMS	Chest Compression Devices (2)	3	10/1/2013	27,513	27,513
Police	One Detective's unmarked cruiser	4	FY13	33,000	33,000
Police	Tasers (38)	5	FY15	47,000	47,000
Police	Two marked cruisers	6	Annual	73,000	37,000
School - SPED	New Special Education School Van	7	10/1/2013	47,000	47,000
Fire	Fire Station # 2 Rehab./New Construction	8	3/1/2004	50,000	-
DPW	Union Street/Washington Street Design	9	FY2015	75,000	-
DPW	Elm Street/Washington Street Design	10	FY2015	75,000	-
DPW	Pavement Management Road Funding	11	FY2014	500,000	1,500,000
School - Tech	Upgrade Network Infrastructure (Firewalls, Switches, Virtual Servers \$61,000; Computers/Wireless Devices \$100,000; Software Licenses \$9,800; Printers \$4,000)	12	10/1/2013	174,800	174,800
DPW	Motor Equipment - Holder Sidewalk Tractor	13	FY2014	170,000	170,000
DPW	Motor Equipment - Hooklift (35,000 GVW)	14	FY2014	180,000	180,000
Fire	4 Wheel Drive Command Vehicle - Car 1 (2004)	15	11/9/1998	37,500	37,500
DPW	DPW Garage Vehicle Lift	16	FY2013	45,000	-
DPW	GIS Planimetric Project	17	FY2015	100,000	-
DPW	Motor Equipment - F250 Utility	18	FY2014	50,000	50,000
DPW	Motor Equipment - Ford Explorer	19	FY2014	36,000	36,000
Fire/Ambulance	Replace 4-Wheel Drive Pickup Truck (1996) with F350	20	2/1/2000	44,995	44,995
DPW	Municipal Facilities Capital Improvements	Defer ⁽¹⁾	FY2015	500,000	-
Police/Fire/DPW	Upgrade police fire and DPW communications	NR ⁽¹⁾	10/1/2013	367,000	-
School - OA	Muscato Stadium Lights (Fixtures including new poles) and Installation	NR ⁽²⁾	10/1/2013	135,484	-
School - PKV	Replace Roof	NR ⁽³⁾	3/13/2006	664,000	-
School - PKV	Repair & replace rooftop bathroom exhaust fans.	NR ⁽⁴⁾	3/13/2006	23,000	-
Water	Water Main Replacement Program	O		200,000	200,000
Water	Generator Water Pumping Station WPS1	O		50,000	-
Water	Purchase Fire Hydrants (25)	O		50,000	50,000
				-	-
	TOTAL			3,847,752	2,727,268

Defer ⁽¹⁾ - Defer funding until more details about project are known.

NR ⁽¹⁾ - Not Ranked at this time. Committee recommends further study.

NR ⁽²⁾ - Not Ranked at this time. Committee recommends department seek CPA funding for this request.

NR ⁽³⁾ - Not Ranked at this time. Awaiting approval from MA School Building Authority.

NR ⁽⁴⁾ - Not Ranked at this time. Request does not meet new definition of capital.

O - Other Source of Funding (Water Enterprise). Request recommended but not included in priority ranking order.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 was made by Melanson Heath and Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Overview

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the overall operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of the Town's infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, water, drainage, municipal buildings, traffic control devices, fields, and trees. The Department is comprised of the Administration Division, Water Division, Highway Division, and Buildings and Grounds Division.

Management

David Field, P.E., Director of Public Works
Maurice Goulet, DPW Operations Manager
Jack Marsh, Water Operations Manager
Jay Conceison, Highway Supervisor
John Fresh, Water System Supervisor
Todd Teixeira, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

The Administration, Highway, and Buildings and Grounds divisions are located at 130 Center Street. The Water Division is located at 417 Bay Road.

Activities and Projects

In 2014 the DPW responded to a total of twenty three (23) snow and ice events with a total accumulation of 55.3 inches snow. During that time DPW applied 2,279 tons of road salt and 18,100 gallons of magnesium chloride. The total cost of snow and ice operations for the calendar year 2014 was \$528,320.

Last year the Town took ownership of 1,450 streetlights from National Grid. Purchasing the streetlights has resulted in an annual savings of \$75,000 per year. DPW also prepared bid documents and administered the annual streetlight maintenance contract. In 2014 a total of 109 streetlights were maintained by our streetlight contractor, Dagle Electric.

In April, as part of a \$250,000 Green Communities Competitive Grant for the installation of additional LED streetlights and insulated garage doors, the DPW completed the conversion of 1,016 LED streetlights. In addition to the grant funding the Town received \$113,913 in utility incentives from National Grid. The conversion project will save 234,461 kWh and \$41,000 per year at current electricity rates. As part of that same grant the DPW also completed the installation of insulated garage doors and automatic timers at the DPW Garage, Fire Station 1, and Fire Station 3 in September.

DPW continued to administer the Commonwealth Connect application which began in 2013 and allows residents to report issues from their mobile phones or via the Town website. The application is currently set up to allow reporting of potholes, streetlights, trees, and other issues. In 2014, DPW received 102 service requests (25 for potholes, 3 for trees, 41 for streetlights, 33 others) using the application.

In 2013, the Landfill Solar Project was completed and the system began generating electricity. In 2014 the system generated 2,480,000 kWh of electricity.

In March the DPW published the recommended FY2015-FY2017 Pavement Management Plan. The plan recommended spending approximately \$1 million per year on various pavement repairs over the next three years in order to maintain our current road surface rating (RSR) of 73. Highlights of the plan included the paving of Canton Street, Main Street, and Lincoln Street, as well as the replacement of the existing sidewalk on Canton Street. Foundry Street between Five Corners and the West Bridgewater town line was also resurfaced with an ultra-thin bonded overlay, also known as Nova Chip. In addition, the DPW utilized winter rapid road recovery funding through MassDOT to complete miscellaneous repairs on Foundry Street, Depot Street, Beaver Dam Road, and Randall Street. In summary, the DPW completed improvements to 38,862 linear feet of roads at a total cost of \$1,249,713. The overall road surface rating (RSR) remains a 73 and the backlog of needed repairs is \$19.9 million.

Following the completion of the Main Street portion of the North Easton Revitalization Project in 2013, DPW worked with BETA Group to repackage the remaining parking lot portion and electrical service undergrounding work into a new bid package. Bids for the project were opened 4/17/2014 and the project was awarded to Sunshine Paving Corporation for \$522,616. Construction began in July and was substantially completed in September. Installation of the LED light fixtures in the parking lot was completed in October. Remaining work includes the completion of service undergrounding work on Main Street.

The DPW solicited proposals for the operation and maintenance of the North Easton Village WWTP and the School WWTP on Lothrop Street. Proposals were received 5/22/2014. Following review of the proposals, Weston & Sampson was chosen to operate both plants.

Final paving for the North Easton Village Infrastructure Project was completed in July. In addition, the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) began full operations in May. Since full operations began the WWTP has received and treated 2,150,197 gallons of wastewater.

During 2014, the DPW issued and inspected fifteen (15) sewer connection permits for the North Easton Village sewer district.

In February, the DPW participated in an emergency management training drill hosted by the Fire Chief.

On 4/25/2014 the DPW celebrated Arbor Day and planted a tree at Oliver Ames High School.

On 4/26/2014 the DPW hosted Household Hazardous Waste Day and the 8th Annual Roadside Cleanup day.

On 5/3/2014 the Water Division hosted its 30th Annual Open House.

As part of the GIS improvement Project, the DPW continued to work with our contractor Applied Geographics to continue the process of establishing a centralized GIS data server, migrating GIS data into local government information model, creating information viewers for the public, and developing additional mobile applications for various departments. A web based parcel viewer application has been created and is being tested prior to public deployment. The GIS Server is now up and running allowing for the viewing and editing of data in the mobile and online environments. Continued refinement and development of new applications is expected to continue over the next year. In addition, DPW has been working with a group of communities and USGS on a regional flyover project. The Town entered into an agreement with the Town of Arlington, as lead agency, to procure 3" resolution ortho photos. The flyover was completed in the spring of 2014 and delivery of the photos is scheduled for early 2015.

In a continuation of the energy management services contract, the Town has been working with Ameresco to complete the investment grade audit. The investment grade audit is the first part of an energy management services project which will lead to the energy efficient infrastructure upgrades that would ultimately be funded from the energy savings resulting from those upgrades. The final audit was completed in September. The proposed project includes \$3.18 million in energy conservation measures. In addition to the energy conservation measures Ameresco has proposed a separate power purchase agreement for installing solar photovoltaic systems at the Middle School and High School. Under the proposed agreement the Town would save \$1.4 million over the 20 year life of the panels. Both projects were approved at Special Town Meeting in November. Construction is expected to begin in 2015.

As part of the facilities assessment project, The DPW has been working closely with Dore and Whittier to complete the comprehensive assessment of all municipal and school buildings which began in 2013. Preliminary findings were presented to the Board of Selectmen and School Committee at a joint meeting in March, and final reports were presented in July. The report identified over \$81 million in recommended renovations and repairs to Town and School Buildings which have a current replacement cost of \$340

million. DPW staff continues to input the identified capital and maintenance needs into our computerized maintenance management software.

The DPW prepared a request for proposals for landfill monitoring and gas collection system operations at the closed Prospect Street landfill. Proposals will be received in July. After review of the proposals the operations and monitoring contract was awarded to CDM Smith.

As part of the Town Hall Repointing Project, the DPW went out for bids for masonry repairs to chimneys, retaining walls, and building elevations in August. Bids were opened on September 5th and the low bidder was Folan Waterproofing with a bid of \$213,270.00. The contract was awarded in October and Folan has obtained the needed building permits to begin the work. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2015. This project is being funded with CPA funds and is the first phase of masonry repairs and restoration at the Town Offices.

The DPW has continued to work with BETA Group to advance the design of the Depot Street corridor project. The proposed project includes roadway, sidewalk, and drainage improvements from Fox Ridge Road to Washington Street. The DPW and BETA presented several options for the signalization and improvement of the intersection of Center Street and Depot Street to the Historical Commission and the Board of Selectmen in August and September. 25% plans were submitted to MassDOT in September. After comments are received back from MassDOT and addressed a design public hearing will be advertised and held.

The DPW has continued working with BETA Group to complete the design for signalization of the intersection of Union Street at Washington Street. 25% design plans were submitted to MassDOT in July. The project was also programmed by the Old Colony Planning Counsel for funding in the FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The DPW has begun working with BETA Group to develop conceptual design options for intersection improvements and the signalization of Elm Street and Washington Street. It is anticipated that the conceptual options will be presented to the Board of Selectmen in January 2015. This is the first step in TIP project initiation process with MassDOT.

The Traffic Safety Committee (comprised of DPW, Police, and Fire) reviewed and made subsequent recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on four matters. As part of the review of these matters the DPW deployed traffic counters at multiple locations and prepared detailed reports of those findings. DPW also attended several Board of Selectmen meetings to discuss those findings.

Some of the other projects that the DPW has been involved with this year include:

- Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan
- Queset Commons Development/Intersection Improvements
- Moreau Hall MSBA Roof Replacement Project
- Fleet Management Software Implementation
- Recycling and Solid Waste Contract Extension/Service Improvements

I would like to thank all of the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. In addition, I would like to thank the staff of the Administration Division, Jan Jacobson, Adrienne Edwards, and Maurice Goulet, as well as Water Operations Manager Jack Marsh for their support during the year. I would also like to recognize the hard work of all of the division supervisors, John Fresh, Todd Teixeira, and Jay Conceison.

Finally, I would like to congratulate David Barrett, on his retirement and thank him for his 39 years of dedicated service to the Department of Public Works and the Town of Easton.

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIVISION

DPW Operations:

The Operations Division of the DPW, consisting of the Highway and Building and Grounds (including Fleet maintenance, Tree personnel, and Solid Waste and Recycling) is concerned with improving the town's infrastructure while preserving the town's aesthetic character. Each year this Division faces new challenges, responding with great effort and determination.

Highway Division:

The Highway Division had a very productive roadway construction season which included reclamation projects, mill and overlay projects and a nova chip process that was used on Foundry Street. Over 8 miles of roadways were reconstructed and paved. Canton Street sidewalk was rehabilitated during this time as well. Snow plowing operations were plentiful during the latter stages of the winter season. We had 18 sanding/salting events and 6 snowplow operations mainly during January and February. Other notable maintenance tasks include pothole patching, paving, drainage installation and repairs, roadside flail mowing, streetsweeping, catchbasin cleaning, snowplowing, sanding/salting, sign installations and replacements, town-wide fleet vehicle maintenance, berm installation, and roadway repair.

Building and Grounds Division:

Some of the highlights of this past year include a quick response by this Division to a flooding situation at HHR/Olmsted School due to a water pipe freezing, also an unusual situation of relocating a swarm of honey bees from a decayed tree on High Street to a trained Bridgewater beekeeper. Other responsibilities for this Division include voting set-ups, clean-ups, stump grinding, graduation set-ups and coordination, chipping and brush cutting, maintenance tasks of the school and other town buildings such as electrical, HVAC, and craftsman projects that include minor construction, and cemetery upkeep.

Solid Waste and Recycling Program:

In October, the Solid Waste and Recycling Program entered into a new stage in their contract with Waste Management, improving the service by offering weekly recycling pickup and adding two additional bulky item pickups totaling four, annually. Membership under the program continues to grow, adding many new subscribers each month while realizing no increases in quarterly costs. If there are any expected delays in service due to weather or unanticipated equipment breakdowns, residents are asked to visit our town website www.easton.ma.us for any updates and service announcements. Thanks to Jan Jacobson for her outstanding customer service, leading to the success of this program.

Special recognition to Jay Conceison (Highway Supervisor) and Todd Texeira (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) for their tireless commitment and to each one of our Division employees whom continue to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the DPW and the community: *John Ames, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, John Cuzzi, Mark DeCouto, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Richard Gill, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Bob Meade, Joe Pucillo, Danny Rowse, Chris Ryan, Dave Cudmore (Town Offices), John Minihan (seasonal), Jordan Ames (seasonal), Jake Meade (seasonal), Matthew Walker (seasonal), Chris Cormier (seasonal), Brandon Gagliardi (seasonal), Patrick McKenna (seasonal), Connor McLaughlin (seasonal).*

We would also like to thank Jan Jacobson and Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) for their assistance throughout the year, the Water Division and its staff for their continued support along with Shirley Tufts and Karen Gallo.

After 39 years in public service for the Department of Public Works, David Barrett, Sign Maintenance Technician, has retired. We would like to truly thank David for his long tenure of dedication and support to the DPW and the Easton community.

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DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION

Projects of 2014

HIGHWAY

<u>Roadway Construction:</u>		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Main Street (Mill/Resurface)		5,483	1.04
Canton Street (Reclaim/Resurface)		5,223	0.99
Lincoln Street (Reclaim/Mill/Resurface)		8,701	1.65
Andrews Street (Mill/Resurface)		404	0.08
Mechanic Street (Mill/Resurface)		1,877	0.36
Oliver Street (Mill/Resurface)		730	0.14
Pond Street (Mill/Resurface)		490	0.09
Foundry Street (Mill/Resurface/Nova Chip)		19,463	3.69
<u>Sidewalk Construction:</u>		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Canton Street (Bituminous Concrete with Granite Curbs)		2,970	0.56
<u>Drainage Basins Cleaned:</u>	Total		383
<u>Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:</u>	Total		14
<u>Drainage Basins Remodeled:</u>	Total		35
<u>Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)</u>		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Various Locations Town-wide	Total	273,973	51.89
<u>Linepainting Crosswalks:</u>			<u>Each</u>
Various Locations Town-wide	Total		103
<u>Crack-Sealing Roadways:</u>		<u>Feet</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Various Streets Town-wide		4,824	0.91
<u>Fleet Maintenance:</u>			<u>Vehicles</u>
Department of Public Works			96
Police			14
Fire			4
School SPED/Food Services			9
Inspectional Services			2
Board of Health			2
Recreation			1
Planning and Community Development			1

Total	129
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Street Sweeping:

Town-wide	From 03/20/14 to 12/22/14
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Flail Mowing:

Town-wide	From 05/7/14 to 10/31/14
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Sanding/Salting Operations:

Town-wide	Total	Events
		18

Snowplowing Operations:

Town-wide	Total	Events
		6

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal/Trimmed

Town-wide	Total	Each
		317

Stump Removal

Town-wide	Total	Each
		34

Cemetery Maintenance

Town-wide	Total	Each
		29

Field Maintenance

Town-wide	Total	Each
		26

Playground Maintenance

Town-wide	Total	Each
		9

Field Lining for Sporting Events

Town-wide	Total	Days
		51

Work Orders (including schools)

Completed	Total	Each
		853

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2014.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	44,754,000	July	88,649,000
February	40,142,000	August	84,288,000
March	44,544,000	September	79,428,000
April	48,644,000	October	51,613,000
May	55,510,000	November	39,759,000
June	78,199,000	December	40,500,000
		Total Pumped	696,030,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,820,000 gallons on June 30, 2014.

The Water Division responded to 2969 service and emergency calls:

Connected 32 new services for a total of 7,438 active services

Replaced 687 meters

Renewed 1 service

Repaired 4 service leaks

Repaired 24 broken water mains

3 – 6" mains, 20 – 8" mains, 1 – 16" mains

Repaired 21 fire hydrants

Replaced 8 fire hydrants

Performed routine maintenance on 438 hydrants

In 2014, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:

891' of 6" water main

2745' of 8" water main

20' of 12" water main

9 new fire hydrants

36 new valves

We now have a total of 163 miles of water mains, 1,409 hydrants and 3,283 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 88,770 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 30,132 routine water bills, 282 property transfer bills and 455 miscellaneous bills. We mailed out 435 Conservation Letters notifying consumers of potential leaks within their plumbing system.

This completed the twenty- fifth (25th) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 1368 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 14 commercial buildings, and 1 municipal building were surveyed. We have 312 testable devices in the system, 179 double check valve assemblies, 133 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 13 non-required devices. This year 433 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

2	Arsenic
518	Bacteriological
16	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
9	Manganese
7	Nitrate
5	Nitrite
7	Perchlorate
3	Routine chemical
7	Secondary contaminants
7	Sodium
7	Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)
16	Trihalomethanes
8	Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Samples (UCMR)

Our 50 kilowatt (kW) Solar Photovoltaic Project located at Pumping Station #2 has now been up and running for a little over 4 years. This year we have produced 56,674 kilowatt hours (kWh). Since the system was commissioned in September of 2010 we have generated a total of 247,562 kilowatt hours of clean energy. This would equate to enough energy to power an average American house for 22 years and offset 362,000 miles worth of CO2 emissions from the average American car.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 37 system-wide leak surveys since 1982. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 21st consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the months of April and October. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 26, 2014 with 540 residents participating. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of televisions, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2015 has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Identity theft along with fraud is becoming an epidemic throughout the country. To raise awareness and to promote prevention, we will continue to offer document shredding to our event at no charge. Residents will be able to bring confidential documents to be destroyed onsite.

The Water Division hosted its 30th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 3, 2014 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton School System—especially, Dr. Michael A. Green, Superintendent of Schools, Achim Krasenbrink, Betty Minuskin and • Kristyn Shea of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it. We look forward to our 31th Open House being held on May 2, 2015.

We assisted the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee in its efforts throughout the year. We attended 3 of their 6 scheduled meetings. We also attended their 27th annual awareness day held at the Foxborough Water Treatment Facility, 16 Lamson Road on May 10, 2014.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders within the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Karen

Gallo, John Fresh Jr., Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Jeffery Cloonan, Michael O'Toole, Joseph Charron,
Brian O'Neill, Andy Howarth and Daniel Sullivan.

"With Water Works Pride"

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held five meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of the even numbered months and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

CRAAC was formally created in October 1987 by the adoption of Massachusetts State legislation. Its main purpose is to educate the public about the benefits of protecting the Canoe River Aquifer. This regional committee is comprised of 15 members, three from each of the five communities the river passes through. Members are municipal officials, residents or serve on land trust boards. Among other activities, CRAAC advises municipal officials and residents on development impacts, water quality concerns, conservation practices, protective zoning by laws and other issues. It also sponsors many educational conferences and meetings. State environmental officials regard CRAAC as a model for a volunteer, regional entity.

On February 6, 2014, Foxborough Conservation Manager, Jane Sears Pierce updated the Committee on a variety of Conservation issues in Foxborough including proposed development along the Canoe River, ongoing issues of ATV use on Conservation property, their Open Space and Recreation Plan and the need to protect endangered species.

Kathy Ebert –Zawasky from the Land Preservation Society of Norton along with Bill Napolitano of the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District spoke to the committee regarding a proposed project to remove the Red Mill Road Dam on the Canoe River.

On April 3, 2014, Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent gave a presentation on the activities of the Conservation Commission stating that 40% of the land in Norton is considered wetlands. She spoke about proposed 40B projects within the community, several open space projects they are working on, and a variety of committee projects and land Acquisitions.

The Committee hosted its annual awareness day on May 10, 2014 in conjunction with the Foxborough Water Department Open House at their new Water Treatment Facility on 16 Lamson Road, in Foxborough.

On June 5, 2014 Katelyn Merrill, Mansfield Conservation and Environmental Planner updated the committee on Conservation issues facing Mansfield. The Conservation Commission has been very busy with wetland permitting and her biggest project has been updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

On August 7, 2014 Stephanie Danielson, Easton Land Use Planner met with the committee and discussed the Conservation Commission activities in Easton including watershed and drinking water protection, the two year process of developing a new Master Plan and protection issues for Borderland State Park, Wheaton Farm and the Hockomock Swamp.

On December 4, 2014, the Committee elected officers, Wayne Southworth Chairman, Jennifer Carlino Vice Chairman and Janice Fowler Secretary.

Edward Tartufo one of the Founding Members and Vice Chairman of our Committee chose not to seek reappointment when his term expired on June 30, 2014. The Committee would like to thank Ed for his 26 years of dedicated service to the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee and his commitment to the Town of Mansfield.

The Committee would like to thank Karen Gallo of the Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department and Jan Fowler Easton Committee member for their assistance in producing our meeting minutes.

The committee would also like to thank member John Shannon for creating and maintaining our Facebook page. Please visit our website: www.craac.org and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CanoeRiverAquiferAdvisoryCommittee

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH EVEN NUMBERED MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON. THE FOLLOWING **2015** SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, February 5, 2015	NORTON TOWN OFFICES
THURSDAY, April 2, 2015	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, June 4, 2015	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, August 6, 2015	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, October 1, 2015	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG
THURSDAY, December 3, 2015	NORTON TOWN OFFICES

Present Membership

Norton

Frances Shirley (6/30/17)
Jennifer Carlino (6/30/15)
Linda Kollett (6/30/17)

Foxborough

Robert W. Boette (6/30/15)
Joan F. Sozio (6/30/17)
Robert Worthley (6/30/16)

Sharon

Gregory Meister (6/30/17)
Dave Masciarelli (6/30/17)

Easton

John H. Fresh, Jr. (06/30/16)
Wayne P. Southworth (06/30/15)
Janice L. Fowler (6/30/17)

Mansfield

Leonard F. Flynn (6/30/15)
John Shannon (6/30/16)

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Easton Fire & Rescue Department for the Year 2014.

As Chief of the Fire Department I am pleased to report that the department is in good condition and continues to provide high levels of service to the residents of Easton. Through consistent and effective training of EMS and fire operations personnel are able to keep skills sharp and ready to handle calls for service. The Department has brought it's staffing levels back to 2009 levels with 9 firefighters per shift, increasing the Paramedic staffing levels to 24 Paramedics; six on a shift. There has not been a fire station closed in over three years and overtime has been restructured to provide a more direct benefit in providing service.

Previous actions that created combined dispatch for Police and Fire have freed up a firefighter from the dispatch desk to be available to respond to calls. The hiring of new firefighters that brought groups to 9 per shift have allowed for a decrease in overtime cost for covering time-off shifts (vacation, holiday, personal, sick). With increased staffing level the minimum has been able to be increased from 7 firefighter's minimum to 8, and the department has been able to staff two paramedic level ambulances. This has increased the level of service the department is providing to the town by having two ambulances available, decreased response times, and a realization of an increase in ambulance revenues.

Collaboration with other departments is a priority to help keep the community safe whether through fire inspection, prevention or fire safety in our schools or at senior housing. Excellent customer service is a priority and an expectation of all the members of the department. The department works hand in hand with the Police Department and its members each and every day in our efforts to provide a meaningful service to those calling for service. The DPW is also a significant partner in helping to provide public safety and there exists a great partnership with them. I extend my thanks to each of these departments and their personnel for working with the fire department, helping keep Easton a safe community.

OPERATIONS

The Fire and Rescue Department continues to be busy responding to 3,755 calls for service in 2014. To highlight some of the calls, the Department responded to 12 fires in structures, 269 motor vehicle accidents, 225 alarm investigations, 284 misc. investigations, 1,741 requests for medical assistance, 6 motor vehicle fires, 524 business assists, 30 brush fires, 144 lockouts, and 520 other calls.. There were a total of 1,450 transports with Easton ambulance transporting 1,354 patients, and a mutual aid ambulance transporting 96 patients to local hospitals.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) level care for patients required during each of the transports continues to be a high percentage at 67% of all calls. Staffing of the ambulance was at two (2) paramedics for 98% of the calls and the average on scene time continues to be excellent at 13 minutes or less. The Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton continues to be the primary facility that the ambulance transported to, at 1,211 patients, or 89% of total transports. The Brockton Hospital received 97 of the patients transported or 7%, and the balance of 4% of patients was dispersed among five (5) other hospitals.

The department continues to manage the many multiple emergency medical calls that are received, reducing the amount of mutual aid ambulances needed, and the need for recalling personnel to staff additional apparatus. The compliment of fire personnel as of December 31, 2014 is thirty-eight (38) including the Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Captain. Thirty-six Firefighters were assigned to four (4) groups, with nine per group. The FY 14 Town meeting approved the funding of two additional firefighter/paramedics for the second half of the fiscal year which brought the staffing up to 9 FF/EMTs per shift in January 2014.

The Department is happy to report that there were no fatal fires; there was one injury from fire in business occupancies in 2014. The statistics show that the house fires in Easton in 2014 were caused by a careless disposal of smoking materials on a deck, 4 fires involving a stove, including an oven fire at the Easton Middle School, an undetermined electrical cause, and a commercial building fire caused by a failed fuel oil supply line.

The following are responses to residential or commercial building fires or major emergencies during the year:

January 6, 2014, House Fire 260 Lincoln Street. Upon arrival of apparatus the initial engine found a fire in the structure in the kitchen. Engines 4& 5, Ladder 1, Ambulance 1, and cars 1 & 3 responded to the fire and were on scene in 6 minutes. The fire was knocked down and extinguished within 13 minutes of the call. The fire was confined to the kitchen and smoke damage was throughout the house. Damage to the property was approximately \$17,500. No injuries occurred. The cause of the fire was believed to be a faulty exhaust fan in the kitchen wall.

February 12, 2014, House Fire at 107 Dean street. Upon arrival Engine 1 reported a fire in the 2nd floor bathroom with heavy smoke throughout the house. The first in crew of Firefighters Chris Mills and Jeff Dupuis did an outstanding job of confining the fire to the bathroom on the second floor. The fire heavily damaged the bathroom and caused extensive heat damage to the second floor, smoke and water damage extended throughout the first and second floor. Engines 1,4,5 Ladder 1, Mansfield Engine, Norton Engine, Car 1 responded to the fire. Stoughton Engine covered Easton Station 1. The fire caused approximately \$50-75,000 in damage. No injuries occurred. A working smoke alarm alerted the owner to the fire. The cause of the fire was not determined; it did start in the bathroom.

June 24, 2014, 744 Washington St. reported house fire, the department responded with engine 4 & 2, and Ladder 1 to a reported fire in the kitchen. Upon arrival the crew had a fire on the stove which was quickly extinguished with a hose-line. The fire was contained to the stove and the cabinets above it, smoke damage was throughout the house.

June 28, 2014, 105 Gaslight Lane The department responded with engines 4,5,2 Ladder 1 and Car 1, upon arrival found a deck on the rear of a condo unit on fire. Engine 2 made a quick attack with a hose-line to the rear deck and confined the fire to the deck. Damage was limited to the deck. The most probable cause of the fire was careless disposal of smoking materials.

July 24, 2014, 7 Turnpike St. The Fire Department responded to a 2nd alarm fire at Botti Corporation a space metal building approximately 50 x 50 and 2 stories high sustained heavy fire damage. Combustible liquids became involved in the fire which made the fire more difficult to extinguish. Engines 2, 4, 5 and Ladder 1 with the assistance of W.Bridgewater, Stoughton, Brockton, and Sharon Fire fought the fire at the scene while Norton Fire Provided coverage.

October 26, 2014 Oven Fire 225 Main Street. Fire was extinguished in the oven and did not extend beyond the oven. The house was filled with smoke from the fire, which was a plastic dish strainer left in the oven that burned. The house was a rental being used by Stonehill Students and needed to be vacated based on the fact that there were no working smoke detectors or Carbon Monoxide detectors in the house. There were also too many students living in the house, zoning would only allow 4 students to reside in the house, there were 11 beds in the house.

October 28, 2014 1 Norfolk Avenue, Pharmasol Corporation Gas Release- an over pressurization occurred in the tank farm involving an un-odorized LP gas tank. The 1800 gallon tank has product returned to it from a larger tank causing it to overfill and liquid and vapor to vent from the vent stack. Evacuations in the area were made and monitoring of the area was necessary. The incident involved the pumping down of the tank and the product to be taken off site. The incident took 11 hours to completely handle; the incident was under control in approx. 3 hours.

November 6, 2014, Oven Fire 98 Columbus Ave. Easton Junior High School- An oven fire occurred in the kitchen in the Middle School. Engines 2,4,5 Ladder 1 and Ambulance 1 responded. The school was evacuated upon arrival. The oven fire was in a classroom, a dry-chemical extinguisher was used by the engine company to extinguish the fire. Damage was limited to the oven, and smoke to the classroom, and hallway.

December 31, 2014 Stove top fire at 50 Main Street, Shovel Shop Apartments- The department responded with Engine 2, Ladder 1 and Car 1 to a box alarm at building 7. Upon arrival the apparatus found a stove top fire had occurred and was extinguished by a Stovetop, Fire Stop microhood extinguishing device. Crews assisted with venting the apartment and the hallway. The device extinguished the fire and prevented any fire damage to the cabinets.

The size of the town and the demand for services of the department have many times stretched the resources of the on duty personnel placing them in a situation where there are longer response times and a delayed response. The increase in staffing has allowed the second ambulance to be staffed and will help to alleviate this this, and also the need for mutual aid. The need for mutual aid ambulances in 2014 has been reduced by 50%. The benefits of operating the second ambulance is a decrease in time for definitive care to the patient, reduced need to call back personnel, and increased revenue from the ambulance transport. The increase in personnel will also help to cover the many times there are multiple calls, and also put sufficient firefighters on the scene of a fire to perform **safe** and effective operations. There still remains a need for mutual aid, on numerous occasions there are more than two EMS calls at one time, and during the evening shifts when there is only one ambulance staffed.

There are times when the on duty personnel are placed in a situation of having insufficient personnel to handle a situation in a safe and effective manner requiring call back or mutual aid resources to be called. The Fire Department is obligated to protect the property in town valued at Residential: \$2,506,248,279. Commercial /Industrial: \$345,662,821, Exempt: \$ 363,898,200, and over \$ 64,767,189 in personal property values.

As the financial crisis back in fiscal year 09 that impacted government improves, the Easton Fire Department has increased staffing levels to safely cover the town of Easton. The Department continues to seek alternative funding sources such as the Federal Government Staffing Assistance Grants and Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) for equipment. The Department received an AFG in 2014 for \$160,000 toward the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). The department has received several state grants including the Student Awareness of Fire Safety (SAFE) grants for public education, and Senior Fire Safety, Massachusetts Emergency Management (MEMA) Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for a utility terrain vehicle (4x4 Kubota) for off road use for both patient removal and fire in the woods.

Training and Education

Training of personnel is an ongoing process to keep firefighters proficient in their basic skills and educate them in new topics. The Department has a monthly fire training topic that is done by all groups as well as an Emergency Medical training topics. The budget allows for sending a few members on overtime to professional development trainings or educational seminars.

The Department schedules monthly training drills and Captains provide continual review of skills and policies to keep firefighters proficient. FF/Paramedic Jeffrey Dupuis is the EMS Training Leader and provides emergency medical training to all EMTs on general EMS topics and more specific Advanced Life Support skills. Morbidity and Mortality (M&M) rounds are conducted by the Departments Medical Director, Dr. Henry Crowley every month. Every EMT is required by the State to complete a required amount of EMS training and refresher training every two years to renew their EMT license. The department is very fortunate to have well trained and highly skilled paramedics providing EMS to the residents in town.

Lieutenant Evan Malone is the Coordinator for EMS on the department and is required to conduct review of all runs that department EMT's are on, to provide Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance. The Department, the State and the Steward Medical Center whom the Department has an affiliation agreement with have protocols and policies that all EMT's are required to follow. The QA&QI review is done to assure that all of the protocols and policies are followed.

Chief Partridge attended the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) Professional development conference, the Congressional Fire Service Caucus Meeting in Washington DC and numerous fire academy leadership and safety seminars. Captain Webster attended the Fire Prevention Officers of Massachusetts (FPAM) professional development conference as well as the MFA Fire Prevention trainings.

Department Officers have attended safety and leadership seminars as well as Incident command training classes.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The Fire Department is committed to a professional Public Education Program and Fire Prevention Program, and the department has been very fortunate to have Captain David Beals as the Departments Fire and Life Safety Education training coordinator and oversees a team of firefighters including FF Chris Mills, John Carroll and John Dzialo who deliver the fire safety education in our public schools. Captain Beals will step down as the coordinator in 2015.

The Department's SAFE program is in its 20th year and is a cooperative effort with support from school administration, teachers and firefighters to deliver fire and life safety education to the students in Easton Schools. The program was originally funded through a grant from the State and continues to be partially funded through this grant. The program is a huge success in the schools and is the foundation to educating and having a fire safe generation. The program also reaches out to day-cares in the town as well as the seniors which are another target audience for fire safety.

The Department conducted a very well attended Open House in October with an estimate of 750 people attending. The Open House spearheaded by FF Larry Blye, and Admin Assistant Pam Berglund, had twenty members of the department involved and participating at the open house. The Open House gives the Fire Department an opportunity to share with the public what the department does as well as an opportunity to educate our residents, young and old alike on the importance of fire and life safety. The department thanks the many businesses that donated supplies or funding to make our open house a huge success.

Captain Jeffrey Webster is the Fire Prevention Officer and is responsible for the many fire permits and fire inspections that are required by code. The department conducts inspections for homeowners for oil burner, LP gas, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, and plan reviews. There are many requirements for business and commercial establishments including sprinkler and fire alarm plan reviews and inspections, combustible and flammable storage permits quarterly inspections of nursing homes, annual restaurant and entertainment license inspections, school inspections, blasting, fireworks, cutting and welding permits, and numerous others. Captain Webster has the responsibility to review all new building plans to assure they meet the fire code and are safe for occupants and firefighters.

All Residents are reminded that they should have a working **smoke alarm and carbon monoxide** alarm in their homes and to make sure they are working properly. You should test them monthly and change the battery twice a year when you change your clock.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

Both Ambulances passed the annual inspection by State Office of Emergency Medical Service Ambulance Inspection Division as part of the licensing of our service. The department must meet the state requirements including all documentation, equipment, and vehicle requirements. The department was once again

renewed in 2014 for both ambulances and the advanced life support engine. The Department implemented a recommendation made by the Fire House Study committee in its July, 2011 report to certify an engine at the advanced life support level. Engine 4 located at the Depot Street station is equipped and licensed at the ALS level and has on numerous occasion provided immediate and necessary advanced life support intervention.

Funding was approved in the FY 14 budget to purchase a new engine to replace Engine 2. Specifications were developed by a working committee consisting of the Chief, Captain Larry Blye, FF's Fred Chute, John White and Charlie Snow. An E-One Typhoon custom pumper was purchased through Greenwood Emergency Vehicles and received in September and training was conducted on the engine during the months of September and October and placed in service upon completion of the training.

All apparatus receive regular routine service based on their hourly usage, and all the fire pumps are tested and certified each year as part of regular maintenance. All department ladders including the aerial are tested and certified for continued use, any deficiencies are corrected in a timely manner.

Three of the department's smaller vehicles, including the pick-up truck, Car 2 and the Chiefs vehicle are all over 10 years old. Funding was approved in the FY 15 budget to purchase a new pick-up truck, and Chief's car. Both were purchased and received in September 2014.

PERSONNEL

Longtime department member, Captain William Downey retired from the department after a 31 year career with the department. The Department wishes Bill the best in retirement.

In 2014 the department hired two (2) new firefighters, and one (1) replacement for a previous retirement. In January 2014, John McCormick, Michael Shulman, and Lawrence Machado were hired, and attended the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow, MA and graduated on May 27, 2014. Firefighter McCormick was assigned to Group 2, Firefighter Machado to Group 3, and Firefighter Shulman to Group 4.

Firefighter Tiago Medeiros was hired in October 2014 to fill the vacancy by Bill Downey, bringing the department staffing to the level it was at in 2009 before there were layoffs. FF Tiago is scheduled to begin the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy in February of 2015.

With the retirement of Captain Downey the Captain vacancy was filled with an acting Captain due to the fact that there was no one on the Civil Service Captains List. Lt. Ronald Keeman was appointed to the position of Acting Captain on Group 3, and FF Timothy Griffin was appointed to Acting Lieutenant to fill his position, assigned to Group 4. Permanent appointments will happen early in 2015 when Civil Service certifies a Captains and Lieutenant's list.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Easton Emergency Management Team (EEMT) which consists of department heads and managers from the major town departments had a quiet year in 2014. The Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was updated in 2014.

Plans for the operation of a town warming center/ shelter were improved through the development of written policy, check in sheets, layout plans and a staffing plan. Intern Daniel Blye from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy work on the project.

The Fire Chief who serves as the Emergency Management Director (EMD) for the town was appointed to the Greater Attleboro Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC). The REPC works on regional planning for emergencies including sheltering, hazardous materials response, and coordination with local businesses that produce and generate hazardous chemicals.

STATISTICS

Responses:

Ambulance Calls	: 1,741
Motor Vehicle Crash	: 269
Business Assist	: 524
Box Alarms	: 102
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	: 83
Brush/Wood/Mulch	: 21
Commercial Residential Alarm	: 123
Structure Fire	: 12
Vehicle Fire	: 6
Gas Odor/Leak/Haz.Mat.	: 61
Misc. Investigation	: 168
Lockouts	: 144
Mutual Aid	: 107
Public Assist	: 139
Wires Down/Arcing	: 58
Misc. Alarm/Assistance calls	: 17
Total:	3376

Inspections:

Smoke detector plan review:	74
Agricultural burning:	6
Blasting/Cutting & Welding:	6
Fire Alarm Installation/Repair:	24
Flammable Storage:	4
Fireworks:	1
Oil Burning Equipment:	62
Install & Store Propane:	77
Smoke Detectors and CO Detectors:	339
Sprinkler System Install:	38
Tank Removal Permit:	6
Tank Truck Permit:	24
Underground Flammable Storage	9

Revenue: 1-1-14 through 12-31-14

Ambulance Fees	: \$ 1,018,915.18
Fire Inspections/Permits:	\$ 38,923.84
Fire Alarm Box Fees	: \$ 39,950.00

CONCLUSION

The Department continues to strive to provide the best service that we possibly can with the means that we have available to us. Providing the best possible customer service to each and every resident or visitor who needs our assistance is a high priority.

Mission Statement:

"The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health,

safety, and wellbeing of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE”.

I would like to extend my thanks to Pamela Berglund the Department's Administrative Assistant for her excellent work and continued support and professionalism. Pam is the interface with the public who need assistance with permits, plans reviews, inspections, burning permits and fire or EMS reports and does a great job.

On behalf of all the Easton Fire Department members I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator and each of the departments and Department Heads in town for their assistance and cooperation in the delivery of our services to the town.

I extend my thanks to the members of the department for the outstanding work they do in serving the people of Easton each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin P Partridge

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Chief of Department

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Easton Police Department presently has thirty-three officers including three student officers who are in the police academy. We also have nine fulltime and three part time public safety dispatchers and two civilian administrative assistants. Betty DeRosa serves as the animal control officer.

Our department is responsible for protecting and serving the law enforcement needs of our community. We have twenty officers assigned to the patrol division and there is a minimum of four officers on duty during each shift. We also have two school resource officers, one of whom is assigned to the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School and the other is assigned to the Easton Public Schools. Sgt. Michael Fox serves as the court prosecutor and Lt. Gary Sullivan is the executive officer who supervises the patrol division and the public safety dispatchers. We also employ three civilian school crossing guards.

The department's three detectives have been kept very busy investigating drug crimes, sex offenses, housebreaks, robberies and many other crimes. We have seen an increase in various types of internet crimes and frauds, often directed at our senior citizens.

During this past year we had three officers retire from service. They are Officer Robert Tuohy, Sgt. Mark Ferretti and Officer Adam Kwan. All three were outstanding police officers and we are thankful and proud of their service to Easton.

Our department and our community suffered a tragic loss when Officer Charles Hopkins died while on duty. Officer Hopkins will be greatly missed. He had a kind and gentle disposition and a great sense of humor. He was one of our firearms instructors and will be remembered as a great friend to all on our department.

I want to thank all the men and women who work for Easton Police Department for their dedication and hard work.

2014 CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS

13,729

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	9
Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	8
Robberies	2
Assault & Battery/Weapons	2
Assault & Battery	11

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAKING & ENTERING

B & E Residence	48
B & E Motor Vehicle	43
B & E Business or building	16

LARCENIES

Larcenies over \$250	61
Larcenies under \$250	33
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	7
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	3
Shoplifting	28

IN CUSTODY

Total Arrests	152
Impaired Driving Arrests	28
Protective Custody	21

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

Domestic Violence	23
Disturbance	33
Disorderly Persons	6
Noise Complaints	174
General Service	499
Missing Persons	15
Vandalism	56
Alarms	1124

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	334
Personal Injury Accident	64

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations	1812
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	261

Our Mission Statement:

- Preserve freedom by protecting life and property, ensuring that the constitutional rights of individuals are upheld, maintaining order and encouraging respect for the laws of our commonwealth and of our nation.
- Earn the respect of all individuals, by maintaining a well-trained, professional and accountable police department that performs its duties with diligence, integrity and impartiality.
- Reduce and prevent crime by implementing effective crime prevention strategies.
- Partner with our community organizations, leaders, and citizens to resolve community problems using the community policing philosophy.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact either:

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Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Krajcik
Allen R. Krajcik
Chief of Police

2014 ANNUAL REPORT ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible for enforcing the State, County and local animal laws. We work closely with our local Police, the Environmental Police, the State Department of Animal Health, MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League and our local Veterinarians. We are dedicated to providing compassionate care and treatment to all animals, and to the fair and impartial enforcement of animal related law.

All dogs three months or older need a license that may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. The license runs from January to December. The dog license is important in helping to identify the owner of a dog. All cats should wear some form of identification. Domestic pets wearing identification are able to be promptly returned to their owners.

All dogs and cats are required by State law to be rabies vaccinated. This is extremely important in case of a bite incident or your pet having contact with wildlife, or a high risk domestic animal. All animals suspected of having rabies are sent to the State lab for testing. Three animals were sent to the State Lab in 2014. We received 2460 calls. General information and concerns make up the majority of calls. In the spring numerous calls are received from residents with wildlife concerns. All calls involving wildlife are answered or referred to the State Department of Wildlife. 17 dogs were picked up as strays. 10 dogs were claimed by their owners. 7 dogs were surrendered to the Animal Protection Center, for evaluation and placement in new homes. 3 cats were picked up and surrendered to the shelter. We would like to thank the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Mass for caring for our stray animals. Their compassionate care of all animals is greatly appreciated. On April 13 a Rabies clinic was held. 84 dogs were vaccinated and 49 cats. We would like to thank Dr. Ronald Buffman, for helping us with our clinic. He and his staff at Llyods Animal Medical Center treat all our stray animals with great care and compassion.

We continue to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints. We help to protect our residents from intimidation and injury from animals. We help to protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the laws. It is important for dog owners in Easton to pick up after their dogs.

The Animal Control Department can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322.

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and support throughout the year; The Police Chief and his department, the Dispatchers, The Fire Chief and his department, Public Works Director and his men, Town Clerk's Office, Town Administrator's Office, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Health. A special Thanks to the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistant of the Easton Police. Thank you to the residents of Easton for being great pet owners. It is a pleasure to work for you..

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DeRosa ACO

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector is the officer in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and our local Board of Health.

We provide to the residents information concerning exposure to diseases transmitted from animals to people. We are still keeping vigilant for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Livestock should be vaccinated for these diseases. The State Department of Public Health sends our department guide lines for testing of birds. In 2014 the State did not request the testing of birds.

We had 14 reports of animal bites received in our office. Three specimens were sent to the State Lab in Jamaica Plain to be tested for rabies.. A domestic animal that has a wound of unknown origin or has had an encounter with wildlife is place under confinement for up to six months.

A Rabies Clinic was held at the Police Station on April 13,2014 , 133 animals were vaccinated,84 dogs and 49 cats. The vaccines were administered by Dr. Ronald Buffman from Llyods Animal Medical Center. We very much appreciate his kindness to the residents of Easton.

In November and December a partial inspection was done at premises that have farm animals. 55 horses,12 goats, 12 sheep,1 donkey,1 llama, and 36 chickens were inspected, all found to be in good health and sanitary conditions.

Wildlife sightings calls have increased with more seen in backyards and roadways . It's very important to not leave pet food outside or in open garages. Make sure rubbish containers are covered. Wildlife are survivors in the wild but if they find an easy accessible food source available they will keep coming back to the area. Problem wildlife cannot be relocated,, moving wildlife from one area to another could spread disease, and is against State and Federal Law. The Town of Easton requires all dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

We check on the handling of domestic pets and domestic livestock according to State laws. We investigate all animal bites and encounters with wildlife. We educate the public on issues of animal diseases. We work closely with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Environmental Police and our local veterinarians. We can be reaching by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322 or the Board of Health at 508-230-0621. It is a pleasure to work in the Town of Easton.

We want to thank the Board of Health, Town Clerk's Office, Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Department; your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth DeRosa Animal Inspector

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	24
Multiple Family Dwellings	74
Additions – Residential	46
Alterations – Residential	332
New Non-Residential	8
Additions Non-Residential	7
Alterations Non-Residential	63
Demolished Buildings	7
Signs	49
Swimming Pools	19
Roofs	120
Siding	27
Replacement Windows/Doors	101
Temporary Tents	24
Wood Stoves	27
Trench Permits	45
Foundations	35
Certificate of Inspections	81
Certificate of Occupancy	87

TOTALS

Total Cost of Construction:	\$46,551,688.00
Total Building Fees Collected:	\$410,728.00
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections:	2405
Total Wiring Fees Collected:	\$129,423.00
Total No. of Wiring Permits Issued:	677
Total Gas Fees Collected:	\$17,280.00
Total No. of Gas Permits Issued:	324
Total Plumbing Fees Collected:	\$46,573.00
Total No. of Plumbing Permits Issued:	378
Total Mechanical /Sheet Metal Fees Collected:	\$25,212.00
Total No. of Mechanical/Sheet Metal Permits Issued:	86
Total Misc. Fees Collected:	\$21,385.00
(Roofing, Siding, Trench, etc.)	
Total No. of Misc. Permits Issued:	393
Total Fees Collected for Cal Yr. 2014:	\$650,601.00

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Kevin Nelson	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
Arthur Pedini, Jr.	Alternate Electrical Inspector	

Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
 Tuesday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Wednesday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
 Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems, trenches and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 24 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2014 and 9 permits issued for new multi-family dwelling units. There were 378 building permits issued for residential additions and alterations and 393 miscellaneous permits (roofing, siding, replacement windows/doors, trench, etc.) in 2014. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2014 was \$37,474,338. Estimated cost of non-residential construction in 2014 was \$9,077,350.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 81 Certificates of Inspection and 87 Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Inspectional Services Staff performed 4,273 daily inspections and 13 emergency inspections.

The Inspectional Services Department collected fees in the amount of \$650,601 in the year 2014.

On October 1, 2014 the department launched an online permit management system to expedite the permitting process for contractors, design professionals and Easton residents.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
 Inspector of Buildings
 Zoning Enforcement Officer

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) is charged with serving the residents of the Town of Easton by working to assure that growth and development occurs in a way that preserves Easton's historic and environmental resources, creates housing options for Easton residents at all income levels, enhances agricultural and recreational opportunities in Easton and provides safe and efficient transportation options and economic vitality. The department is responsible for processing permits reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Commission, and Conservation Commission, and takes a leadership role in the long-range planning efforts of the Town. The Department provides staff support to the Planning & Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Master Plan Steering Committee, Affordable Housing Trust, Community Preservation Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, and other town boards and committees as needed. The Department began taking on a role with the newly-formed Economic Development Council in 2014 as well.

Envision Easton- Easton's Comprehensive Master Plan: During 2014 the Department coordinated the completion of Envision Easton, Easton's first comprehensive master plan in over 40 years. At the direction of the Master Plan Steering Committee and Planning Board, department staff provided staff assistance throughout the final phase of the planning process. During the year the work of the working groups concluded, public outreach continued and plan drafts were written and revised. Staff worked with the Steering Committee to finalize the three Volumes of the report, which was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board in December. Envision Easton now serves as a comprehensive policy and planning guide for the Town. The Department would like to thank the hundreds of Easton community members who participated in the planning process, especially to the members of the Master Plan Steering Committee, all of whom donated countless volunteer hours in service to the Town.

Queset Commons: The Department moved forward with planning for improvements to the intersection of State Routes 123 and 138. The Town was awarded \$1 million in MassWorks funds for improvements that, when complete, will improve traffic flow at a challenging intersection and improve pedestrian access and signaling. The MassWorks contract was finalized in December 2014 and final design work has begun.

The first residential units in the Queset Commons 40R project received occupancy approval in late 2014. The Town received a \$138,000 Smart Growth density bonus payment from the state for the 50 residential-unit building.

Industrial Park Study: The Department initiated a study of the Easton Industrial Park to gauge the current and potential build-out of the park. The resulting report identified current conditions, included uses, available space, and relevant challenges and opportunities within the park; outlined the potential build-out capacity given current zoning and infrastructure; recommended opportunities for growth and estimated potential benefits of sewerage all or a portion of the park as called for in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CCMP). The report was presented to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Economic Development Council.

Community Economic Development Self-Assessment: The Department Oversaw completion of the EDSAT report by The Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University in early 2014. The report includes recommendations on steps the Town can take to encourage economic development. Dr. Barry Bluestone presented the results of the survey at a Board of Selectmen meeting in February.

Historic Preservation: The DPCD continued to offer administrative and technical support to the Easton Historical Commission. The DPCD facilitated training for Commission members by the State historic

preservation office, assisted the Commission with drafting and adopting rules and regulations for the expanded Ames Local Historic District and oversaw the development of draft design guidelines for the District.

The DPCD assisted with Commission reviews of demolitions of historic and potentially historic structures under the Town's Demolition Review Bylaw, as well as reviews of various proposed developments and Town projects and proposed alterations within the Ames Local Historic District. The DPCD drafted preservation agreements for properties slated to receive historic restoration funds from the Town's CPA fund, and assisted with review and enforcement activities under existing agreements.

Rockery Charrette: The Department applied for and received two separate grants from the Commonwealth to complete a design charrette on the Rockery, which was designed by F.L. Olmsted as a peace memorial after the American Civil War. The Charrette, a series of workshops with design work in-between, was intended to get community input on how to make the Rockery more accessible, appreciated and utilized by the community. Residents participated in a kick-off meeting and workshop, open house and final community meeting. Participants' ideas were refined at each step and the process resulted in two distinct design options. The final report is available on the Department webpage.

Zoning: In support of the Planning and Zoning Board, the Department drafted several zone changes that were approved at the May 2014 Town Meeting including: Medical Marijuana Overlay Zone; changes to dimensional requirements in Business and Industrial Zones; changes to the Special Permit granting authority for duplexes; and related changes to the Town Zoning Map.

Conservation Land Management. The DPCD worked with the Conservation Commission to administer the Commission's Land Management and Action Plan. Work continued on the Clifford G. Grant trail system, the first year of agricultural operations by Langwater Farm at Wheaton Farm proceeded and the relocation of the parking lot was completed. Specific achievements include:

- Clifford Grant Management Area – work completed through volunteer efforts
 - Completed second bridge construction
 - Finished the truncheon (boardwalk)
 - Installed informational kiosks at two trail heads
 - Conducted trail surface repairs
- Wheaton Farm
 - Successfully completed first year of Langwater agricultural operations
 - Moved parking area to new location right off Bay Road
 - Obtained evaluation of structural integrity of Barn in preparation for repairs
 - Second year operations for community garden

Affordable Housing: In partnership with the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT), DPCD staff continued to connect residents with affordable housing resources, one of the Trust's key objectives. In 2014 the department managed all aspects of a grant program to assist 11 moderate-income homeowners with necessary home repairs. As part of the AHT's Homebuyer Assistance grant program, DPCD staff oversaw a grant to an income-qualified first-time homebuyer to buy a house in Easton and restrict it for moderate-income buyers in the future, increasing the Town's supply of workforce housing. The Department also organized and held a local housing fair, sponsored by the AHT. The fair allowed residents to connect with housing providers, local housing organizations and resources for energy efficiency, social services and other housing-related needs.

The Department continued to monitor Easton's progress regarding Massachusetts General Law 40B, which requires 10% of the housing units in each municipality be affordable, or be at risk of development projects that do not have to comply with local zoning and other regulations. The Easton AHT updated its 5-year

Action Plan which will help move the town towards the 10% goal. In 2014 the Town continued to move closer the achieving 10% through consideration and permitting of affordable and mixed-use housing proposals. Because of this progress, the Department succeeded in helping the town maintain “safe harbor” status for Easton through July 2015. During this period the Town has enhanced ability to deny an application for a 40B development if it chooses.

The Department provided technical assistance to the Board of Selectmen in its review of three proposed Local Initiative 40B projects during 2014 and coordinated staff comments and mitigation efforts.

Open Space: The Department worked with the Town and the Community Preservation Committee to acquire the 146-acre Gill property, one of the Town’s priority acquisition parcels for Open Space.

Agricultural Commission: The Department assisted the Agricultural Commission in achieving several of its 5-year work plan goals including:

- Second year operations of the Wheaton Farm Community Gardens
- Expanding operation of the Original Easton Farmer’s Market
 - Third year operating at Depot Street location
 - Second year operating Winter Market at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall

Staff assisted the Agricultural Commission in preparing comments to the USDA draft Food Safety and Modernization Act regulations.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Access Working Group – Staff helped engaged volunteers organize a working group focused on promoting bicycle and pedestrian access within the Town. The group is an offshoot of the Envision Easton process during which many residents strongly expressed a desire to improve conditions for people wishing to walk and bicycle.

Permit Automation

All applications are now available for online submittal, payment and review. The Department began the process of instituting online permitting for all Planning and Zoning applications. Full automation is expected to be complete in 2015.

Public Access to Information. The Department continues to publish newsworthy information, procedural and regulatory changes and informative links to the various boards’ websites and via social media.

Professional Development: Congratulations to Land Use Planner Stephanie Danielson, who became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in 2014. Staff attended and participated in professional seminars and conferences including:

- National Charrette Institute Training
- Massachusetts Farmers Market Conference
- Permaculture for Planners Workshop
- Citizens Planning Collaborative Conference
- NACWA Integrated Planning Workshop
- MACC Annual Conference
- MAPD Annual Conference
- Under One Roof Housing Seminar
- SNEAPA Annual Conference

For general inquiries, please call 508-230-0630, or visit our website at www.easton.ma.us/directory/planning_comdev/index.htm

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

The Planning and Zoning Board administers, within the Town of Easton, Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 40A (The Zoning Act), Chapter 40 Section 15C (The Scenic Roads Act) and Chapter 41 (the Subdivision Control Law) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. To that point we oversee the subdivision of land, create and review amendments to the Eaton Zoning Bylaws, updates to the Master Plan and review applications for certain types of Special Permits.

In addition to administration, the Board seeks to manage the growth of the community and to promote development which integrates environmental protection and community economic goals through promoting development which preserves large tracts of open space and furthers the welfare of people and the community by creating convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive environments.

In 2014 the Planning & Zoning Board held twenty-four (24) meetings, where we reviewed thirty-one (31) applications. These include:

- Six (6) Approval Not Required (Form A)
- Nine (9) Site Plan Reviews
- Fourteen (14) Internally Illuminated Sign Applications
- One (1) Modifications to previously approved subdivisions
- One (1) Preliminary Subdivision – “Baron Estates”

The Board also provided comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty (20) applications.

In 2014 the Planning & Zoning Board also oversaw creation and adoption of several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. These Include:

- Section V, Table of Use Regulations – Duplexes (5-3.A.2)
- Section VI, Dimensional and Density Regulations Table – Yard Depth and Building Height in Business and Industrial Zones (6-3)
- Section VII, *New Section*, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers – (7-20)
- Zoning Map – Incorporate Medical Marijuana Overlay District

In an effort to promote a more comprehensive planning process for Easton, the Board initiated joint meetings with other town boards and commissions and look forward to increasing the number of such meetings in 2015.

The Planning Board oversaw the creation of the Town’s first Master Plan, *Envision Easton*, since 1971. The two –year process involved the Master Plan Steering Committee, many members of the Town’s staff and hundreds of residents. The Board would like to than all those that participated in the process and in particular the Master Plan Steering Committee for their devoted work encompassing hundreds of hours and dozens of public meetings and information sessions.

Board Member David Clymens was re-appointed to June, 2019 and Alternate Member, Deborah Balcarek was re-appointed to June, 2016.

The Board also wishes to express their thank you to Gary Anderson, Planning Director; Pamela Almeida and Ellen Weene, Principal Clerks, for their continued support and dedication.

Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and to all other Boards and Commissions for their involvement in planning Easton’s present and future.

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Strange, Chair
Christine Santoro, Esq, Clerk
Peter Deschenes, Member
Wayne Benson, Member
David Clymens, Member
Deborah Balcarek, Alternate Member

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers, within the Town of Easton, the State Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq. (the Act) and the Wetlands Protection By-Law (the By-law), Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 310CMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law.

In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

The Commission scheduled 24 and held twenty-three (23) public meetings during the course of the year; cancelling one due to lack of quorum. The Commission conducted 44 public hearings on permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations. The Commission heard and/or issued the following in 2014:

- 30 Order of Conditions and Permits for Work (5 remain under review / 1 was denied)
- 9 Determination of Applicability
- 5 Order of Resource Area Delineation (4 remain under review)
- 19 Full Certificate of Compliances (2 remain under review / 4 were denied)
- 9 Partial Certificate of Compliances
- 3 Request for Acceptance of Revised Plans
- 1 Emergency Certification

The majority of hearings in 2014 involved homeowners seeking to expand existing homes; repair failing septic systems; installation of swimming pools or wetland line confirmations. More complex projects included a permit for the removal and later replacement of underground storage tanks at 460 Turnpike Street; replacement of the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system for Parker Terrace; proposal for additional parking and truck maneuvering areas for 27 Belmont Street; ongoing construction monitoring for the Queset Commons project and for the Beechtree Estates residential development..

The Conservation Commission is responsible for enforcement when a violation of the Act or By-law has occurred. Violations are investigated and Enforcement Orders are issued as appropriate. Many wetlands violations occur as a result of property owners' lack of awareness of the wetlands protection laws and that protectable wetland resources exist on or near their properties. In 2014, the Commission initiated seven (7) enforcement actions and seven (7) violations or non-compliance with Order of Conditions, Permit for Work or Enforcement

The Commission reminds residents that activities resulting in the alteration of wetlands, streams, rivers, swamps and low lying areas and buffer zones may be within the Commission's jurisdiction. Alteration is a broadly defined term, but includes: removal or cutting trees (even if dead), clearing brush, disposal of lawn clippings and leaves, landscaping, installation of patios and walkways, or operation of ATVs and motor bikes. To avoid enforcement, Contact the Commission before starting any work and be aware of the resources on your property.

Orders. Most property owners involved in enforcement cases this year have been cooperative in working with the Commission to resolve the issue. The Commission is taking further action, as necessary, to bring other owners into compliance. During any enforcement, the primary objective is to work with people to educate them, restore the impacted resource area and prevent future violations. The Commission would also like to remind residents that operating motorized vehicles in a wetland is a violation of wetlands protection and All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and motorcycle use on Conservation Land is prohibited.

The Commission and its staff are integral to the Town's Planning and Community Development Department. This year staff reviewed one hundred thirty-nine (139) jurisdictional inspections in response to Building Permit Applications. A number of these inspections resulted in filings before the Commission. The staff also provided technical review and comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for nineteen (19) applications, Board of Health for eighty-eight (88) applications. As needed, reviews were also done for the Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

CONSERVATION LAND

Land Management

The Commission has a Land Management Plan that documents overview management goals for each of the significant management areas owned by the Town. The Land Management Action Plan identifies specific objectives and actions necessary to achieve those goals. Land Management activities in 2014, included:

- Completion of the connecting trail and boardwalk in Clifford G. Grant Management Area that completes a looped trail.
- Finalizing the re-location of the parking lot at Wheaton Farm Management Area
- Langwater Farm crop production began at Wheaton Farm Management Area this past spring
- Satisfactory annual inspection and update with the tenants at Tufts Farm.

The Commission's webpage, located on the Town of Easton website (<http://www.easton.ma.us>), provides useful information about the Commission including its schedule and upcoming agenda, minutes of past meetings. The site provides an overview of wetlands protection, the State and Town wetlands protection laws and regulations and access to permit request forms. Links to other related sites and informative resources are also available on the site.

The Commission may be reached via email or by phone at (508) 230-0630. Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday evenings, and Tuesday evenings when there is a preceding Monday holiday. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website and the Town Offices bulletin board. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions. Residents are encouraged to learn more about wetlands protection and why it matters by coming and observing our meetings.

The Commission Chair, Jonathan Chair's term was re-appointed to June, 2017. Member Patrick Martin resigned in June, 2014. The Commission welcomed new members Jason Park and Timothy McCaul in July, 2014.

The Commission would like to thank Pamela Almeida (Principal Clerk/Recording Secretary) and Stephanie Danielson (Land Use Planner) for their support and dedication this past year. Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town who have worked in conjunction with the Commission to support

the protection of wetlands and care of open space in the town. The Commission would particularly like to thank associate member Chris Patrick for overseeing the construction of the loop trail at Clifford Grant. Over the course of the fall Chris rallied volunteers just about every weekend to haul materials out to the new trail segment and construct the walkway. The Commission wishes to thank all the volunteers (too many to name here) for all their work. We are also grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include: James Lee, professor of management and past president of the Friends of Wheaton Farm; Kevin McIntyre, Esq., an attorney and former Chair of the Fair Housing Committee; Christine Santoro, serves on the Affordable Housing Trust; and Avery Lee Williams, businessperson active in many community organizations; Brendan Creedon, serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; John Ventresco serves for the Easton Historical Commission; Meredith Keach for the Easton Recreation Commission; Gregory Strange serves for the Easton Planning and Zoning Board; and Dennis Sheedy for the Easton Housing Authority. The Committee wishes to thank two members whose terms ended during the year: William O'Neill for his service to the community both on the Easton Recreation Commission and as the Commission's representative on the CPC; and Edmond Hands, representative from the Easton Historical Commission, for his long, faithful and very fruitful service on the CPC.

The Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. Today, development of our open spaces and historic sites continues. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first \$100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

Since 2002, the Commonwealth distributed six rounds of 100% state CPA matching funds to participating communities. Together with 33 other communities, Easton participated from the start and received that first 100% state match in 2002 and for the next five years. In 2008, Easton received a 76% match and in 2009, received a 44% state match. Last year the match was 32%, or \$299,064. The state match had decreased in the past because more communities participated in CPA, sharing the matching funds, and because of the economic downturn. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. In 2013, the state increased matching funds and Easton's match was \$600,190, or 62%. This latest award increases Easton's total state matching funds to approximately \$6,089 million.

As of December 31, 2014 Easton's CPA reserves are as follows: \$-0- in housing reserves; \$-0- in historic preservation reserves; \$0 in open space reserves; and \$1,863,062 in unreserved CPA funds. The separate reservations are required by the Community Preservation Act - 10% must be set aside or spent on: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular CPA purpose, but must be spent on CPA-eligible projects. To be funded, a CPA project needs the favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and, then, Town Meeting approval.

Easton's most significant participation in the CPA is Town Meeting's approval of \$7.5 million in CPA funds to assist with the Ames Shovel Works redevelopment project, an affordable housing and historic preservation project. Of this amount, \$3 million was to purchase a historic preservation restriction on the property and \$4.5 million was a loan in support of the project.

Projects approved this year include: window and siding replacement at Elise Circle (\$200,000); Phase II Frothingham Park playground restoration (\$57,000); FY 15 Affordable Housing Trust programs (\$325,000); window and masonry repair at Ames Free Library (\$75,000); Wheaton Farm barn restoration (\$14,850); Oakes Ames Memorial Hall master plan (\$100,000); Springhill balustrade restoration (\$35,000); and acquisition of the Gill Property on Depot Street (\$5,180,000).

The Town's previous CPA expenditures are:

Historic Resources:

\$88,000 to conduct a multi-year Historic Resources Survey;
\$30,000 to restore the historic Pine Grove Cemetery upon the transfer of its ownership to the Town;
\$15,700 for restoration work on the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall in exchange for a historic preservation restriction;
\$250,000 for restoration work on the exterior of the Unity Church (the Town already holds a historic preservation restriction);
\$69,400 for the Ames Free Library's restoration of the Town-owned Italian Gardens behind the newly-renovated library;
\$360,000 was authorized by Town Meeting for the acquisition of a historic preservation restriction on the Dean Mill; this funding was not used and reverts to CPC balance;
\$100,000 - Olmsted Rockery - restoration project;
\$380,000 - Unity Church - restoration project/historic preservation/public access restriction;
\$5000 - Historic Preservation Plan;
\$3000 - WWI Monument - restoration project;
Up to \$140,000 funding (with matching state grants) to support the exterior restoration of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall;
\$120,000 funding for Phase II of the Queset Garden restoration at the Ames Free Library ;
\$120,900 funding for restoration of the masonry of the historic building housing town office;
\$70,000 for restoration of the roof of the Library;
\$38,587 for restoration of historic aspects of the building housing the Children's Museum
\$121,000 for Queset Gardens Phase III; \$25,000 Children's Museum Phase II; \$100,000 Queset House Phase II;
and \$178,900 Town Hall Masonry Restoration.

Open Space and Recreation:

\$25,252 for the construction of a pocket park at 80 Center Street;
\$375,000 for purchase of 14 acres of open-space land on Massapoag Ave.;
\$142,614 - Olmsted/Richardson School - playground creation project;
\$1.375 million purchase price - 40 acre parcel of land located on Dean Street;
Feasibility studies for the creation of new recreation fields on Town-owned parcel on Foundry Street and parcels on Depot Street, Washington Street, and Williams Street;
\$2.3 million purchase of multi-use recreational field fields at Chestnut Street;
\$500,000 purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate;
\$500,000 to provide temporary funding for the balance due for a preservation restriction enabling the protection of the Governor Ames Estate (these funds were returned to the account upon receipt of the state grant);
\$60,000 for Wheaton Farm Community Gardens; and \$45,000 for improvements for Frothingham Park.

Community Housing:

\$425,000 for the first year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;
\$15,000 for an update to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan;

\$13,600 for feasibility studies for two affordable housing projects. Those studies included engineering and other review work of two Town-owned parcels of land to determine their suitability for housing construction;

\$25,000 - May Institute - four units of affordable housing; and Affordable Housing Plan;

\$207,500 for the second year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;

\$25,000 funding to South Shore Habitat for Humanity for the creation of an affordable single-family home on Highland Street;

\$250,000 for the third year of the Affordable Housing Trust Master Plan; and \$100,000 for Chandler Way roof restoration.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

Respectfully submitted

For the Committee

James Lee, Chairperson

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Town of Easton Affordable Housing Trust continued to actively serve the people of Easton in 2014 through its efforts to assure the availability of housing options for residents at all income levels.

In conjunction with the Town-wide “Envision Easton” community planning process, the Trust updated its 5-Year Action Plan (available on the Town website) to clarify and confirm goals, objectives, and action items for the years ahead.

The Trust completed a grant to an income-qualified first-time homebuyer to assist with the purchase of an existing home in Easton, similar to two other grants completed in previous years. When resold in the future, these homes will be priced at affordable levels for moderate-income buyers, at no additional cost to the Town. This grant (application available on the Town website) continues to be offered on a rolling basis in 2015.

The Trust successfully concluded the second round of its Home Repair Grants Program. The program assisted 11 income-qualified current owners with the costs of small repairs to improve home health, safety and functionality, keeping continued home ownership a reality for residents.

The Trust reviewed and provided comment on several items that came before us, including refinancing or reselling existing affordable units, ongoing comprehensive permit proposals (including the proposed “Meadow View Commons” single-family-home subdivision on Turnpike Street and the proposed “Avalon Easton” apartment complex on Robert Drive behind the Highland Plaza shopping center), and ongoing development at the Shovel Works complex, at 244 Washington Street, and in the Queset Commons 40R district.

The Trust continued to support the Easton Rent Control Board which reviews petitions for rent reductions or increases at the Easton Mobile Home Park on Turnpike Street.

The Trust continued our outreach efforts by informing residents of affordable housing opportunities and programs (including resources for seniors, people with disabilities, and survivors of domestic abuse). Callers and drop-ins were assisted at the Town Offices. In February the Trust convened a successful and well-attended Affordable Housing Fair to connect the local community with government and non-profit organizations and offices offering affordable housing assistance.

The Trust continued to receive administrative and technical support from Wayne Beitler, Community Planner, who devotes about half his hours to the implementation of the Trust’s action plan and related affordable housing policies and programs – including assistance with Easton’s plans to reach compliance with the State’s 40B law, where making progress towards the goal of 10% of the Town’s permanent housing units being affordable to households making 80% of the Area Median Income (currently \$63,900 a year for a family of four) gives the Town “safe harbor” from unwanted developments.

Trust meetings take place roughly once every month at the Town Offices and we encourage the public to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bonia, Chair; Dan Burke; Nikki Dostoomian; Dottie Fulginiti; Steve Merlin; Paula Piccinin; and Christine Santoro.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the Members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the Year 2014.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws and Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B, Mass. General Laws. Twenty (20) petitions, comprised of nine (9) Special Permits and eleven (11) Variances were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In 2014, the Board of Selectmen re-appointed Walter Mirrione to the Board of Appeals. Walter Mirrione was unanimously re-elected as Chairman during the Board's reorganization in July.

	Site Plan <u>Endorsement</u>	Administrative <u>Appeal</u>	Comprehensive <u>Permit</u>	Special <u>Permit</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Petitions Granted				9	8
Petitions Denied					1
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed					
Chapter 40B					
Continued to 2015					1
To Be Heard in 2015					1

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board would also like to thank their secretary, Ellen Weene, for her hard work and dedication. The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Thomas A. Pursley, Vice-Chairman
Paul T. Prew, Clerk
David R. Mills
Ryan Cook
Michael Spillane, Alternate
Conrod Boone, Alternate

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

Thomas Thibeault – Chairman (Governor’s Appointee)
Dennis Sheedy – Vice Chairman
Sandra Conant – Treasurer
Krisanne Sheedy – Commissioner
Pamela Widdop – Commissioner

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town’s people and one member is appointed by the State’s Governor. Sadly, on September 5, 2014, the Board’s Chairman, Tomas Downey passed away. In September of 2014, Commissioner Katherine Taylor moved to Falmouth and was no longer eligible to serve on the Board. On October 20, 2014, at a joint Meeting of the Housing Authority Board and the Board of Selectmen, Krisanne Sheedy and Pamela Widdop were appointed to seats on the Housing Authority Board for terms to expire on April 28, 2015.

The Easton Housing Authority is an agency that provides safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income families. The Housing Authority operates under guidelines set out by their regulatory agencies, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Housing Authority’s offices are located at Parker Terrace and are open to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; telephone number: (508) 238-4747, Fax: (508) 230-9694, TDD: (508) 230-9695, Email: housingauthority@eastonhousing.com

The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, a Chief Administrative Officer and five staff members.

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 5:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

The Mansfield Housing Authority is contracted to manage the Easton Housing Authority through to October 31, 2017. Mansfield Housing Authority’s Executive Director, Michael Forbes, serves as the Easton Housing Authority’s Chief Administrative Officer and is directly in charge of personnel and general supervision of the administration of the Easton Housing Authority’s business, subject to the discretion of the Board Members of the Easton Housing Authority.

The office staff consists of: Dawn Doyle, Housing Administrator and Andrea McDougall, Housing Coordinator.

The Maintenance staff consists of three full-time maintenance workers, Gregory Horne, Joseph Leite and Daniel Andrews.

Elderly/handicapped Housing:

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.

Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority’s State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

Number in Household	Income Limit
1	\$44,750
2	\$51,150
3	\$57,550
4	\$63,900
5	\$69,050
6	\$74,150
7	\$79,250
8	\$84,350

Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhed/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc>

Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Housing Authority's Public Housing waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing:

HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 81 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers 4 mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area. Please note that the Housing Authority is not accepting applications for the Section 8 as the waiting list is currently closed.

Other Information:

DHCD allowed a 9% budget increase in the allowable non-utility expense level within their FY 2014 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority's fiscal that began on April 1, 2014.

The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority's revised capital improvement plan.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

The Housing Authority had completed the following projects within 2014:

1. Installed new stoves & cooktops in all units.
2. Installed new siding, trim, hallway windows & exterior storm doors on two buildings at Elise Circle.
3. Installed new carpeting & central heating/air conditioning in the Parker Terrace offices.
4. Rebuilt the chimney from the roofline up & installed new chimney liner & cap as well as installation of new asphalt driveway at 28 Barrows Street.
5. Conducting sidewalk & roadway paving repairs as well as re-lining & numbering of the parking areas throughout the Parker Terrace & Elise Circle developments.
6. Installed common area doorway & apartment automatic door openers at 61 Parker Terrace.
7. Hired an architect for the design of handicapped ramps for the Elise Circle development.

The Housing Authority is under a mandate from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to build a sewer treatment plant for the Elise Circle and Parker Terrace developments. Graves

Engineering, Inc. has designed the new sewer treatment plant. In September of 2014 the Housing Authority contracted with Barbato Construction Co., Inc of Middleboro, MA., the lowest, eligible, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,550,755.00 for the construction of the sewer treatment plant. Construction commenced in October and will continue through the summer of 2015 with an anticipated completion date of September 1, 2015.

The Housing Authority had pre-release inmates from the Bristol County Sheriff's office repaint the interior of the common area building hallways at Parker Terrace as well as power-wash all the vinyl-sided buildings at Parker Terrace & Elise Circle.

The Housing Authority received the following grants:

✓ Health & Safety

\$26,650 from DHCD to conducting sidewalk & roadway paving repairs throughout the Parker Terrace & Elise Circle developments

\$27,000 from DHCD to replace rotted entry & electrical panel exterior doors at Parker Terrace. This project will commence in the spring of 2015.

\$27,000 from DHCD to replace Federal Pacific apartment electrical panels at Elise Circle. This project will also commence in the spring of 2015.

✓ Sustainability Initiative for Energy Savings Grant through DHCD

\$50,000 for the installation of air source heat pump heating , cooling system and windows for the Elise Circle Community building.

✓ Other Grants received

\$5,000 from DHCD for Cyber Security and Computer Upgrade Initiative (webpage creation, etc.).

\$231,538 (approximately) for the design & construction of handicapped ramps at Elise Circle. This project will also commence in the spring of 2015.

The Housing Authority is extremely grateful for the \$200,000.00 grant from the Town's Community Preservation Act Funds to replace siding & windows at the Elise Circle elderly/handicapped development.

Bids will be sought in January 2015 for siding & window replacements on buildings #2 though #7 as well as the community building at Elise Circle with an anticipated commencement of construction in the spring. This project will be paid for with a combination of DHCD Capital funds, \$200,000 in CPA funds & \$50,000 in DHCD Sustainability Initiative for Energy Savings funds.

Respectfully submitted: Michael Forbes, Chief Administrative Officer

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Easton Historical Commission (EHC) continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The EHC works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards, and committees to monitor and help guide any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. EHC is available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes, and archeological sites in the Town of Easton.

The EHC thanks the Board of Selectmen, all Town groups, boards, and citizenry of our community for your continued understanding and support in our efforts to preserve our community's unique historic character.

This year, the EHC continued its progress with the ongoing goals and activities included in Easton's historic preservation plan:

- The Commission continued to support planning work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall and, through CPA funding, rehabilitation work at the Ames Free Library, Queset Gardens, the Wayside Estate (Town Offices), and the Children's Museum
- The Commission continued to monitor and advise the final restoration and construction "punch list" items at the Shovel Works
- A growing number of applications/public hearings related to the Town's demolition review bylaw were accepted and heard
- Members of the EHC continued to oversee the expanded Ames Local Historic District in North Easton
- The Commission advised on proposed roadway improvements along Depot Street and at the Depot Street / Center Street intersection
- Members planned for possible designation and protection of potential scenic roads
- EHC members attend and participate in several inspections, presentations, training sessions, workshops, and other Town board meetings during the year
- Continued to monitor preservation restrictions on various properties in Easton to ensure compliance

The EHC held its annual Achievement Awards presentation and photography contest awards, and presented the Boston Post Cane to Katherine Basler, on January 18, 2015 at Stonehill College. The Clement Briggs Award was given to Josiah Keith (DeWare) House on Bay Road and the William Chaffin Award was presented to Duncan Oliver, former history teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal at Oliver Ames High School for his contributions in the preservation of Easton's history.

The Commission welcomes three new members, Ben Neumann, Paul Panaikas, and Paul Fitzpatrick.

The EHC encourages comments and questions and is eager to assist with issues related to historic preservation in Easton. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, historical research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, Easton, or through our link on the Town website: www.easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted: Tim Hurley, Chair; John J. Ventresco, Vice Chair; Paul Panaikas, Clerk; Greg Strange; Amy Spencer; Ben Neumann; Paul Fitzpatrick; Karen Cacciapuoti, Associate Member;

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee are to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at \$50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings; and to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

In 2014, the Municipal Building Committee oversaw completion of the Moreau Hall Roof Project. The Committee is grateful for the continued involvement of its veteran members, Ralph Vatalaro, Ken Carlson, Keith Graveline, Fred Isleib, Karen Cacciapuoti, and Larry Mowatt, and welcomed new member John J. Kent.

Throughout the past year, the committee met and conferred with town officials, various boards and committees, and is working closely with Director of School Operations, David Twombly, and DPW Director, David Field, as well as with the Massachusetts School Building Association, on the Moreau Hall roof project.

In 2015, the Committee will continue to fulfill its mission to oversee completion of the Moreau Hall School roof project, and looks forward to participating in other initiatives to improve school and other town buildings. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Administrative Conference Room at 50 Oliver Street, and agendas will be posted at Town Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph J Vatalaro, III., Chairman
Keith Graveline, Vice Chairman
Ken Carlson
Larry Mowatt
Fred Isleib
Karen Cacciapuoti
John J. Kent

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the recreational needs of the community of Easton. The department continues to offer quality programming for adults and youth in the community with the limited funding that is available. We are appreciative of what funds the community can contribute to our programs. We are working with Anne Daley as the full time Program Director and a seven member Recreation Commission. The Commission meets monthly to help guide and further develop the department and its programs. The Commission as well serves as a core volunteer group in support of our Program Director.

Frothingham Hall has allowed us to host a variety of programs reaching out to a much larger percentage of the town. We work closely with the Council on Aging to share space in the building allowing it to feel like a true Community Center. The programs and activities offered during 2014 are listed below.

Youth programs: Hip hop, Golf, Art, Flag Football, Musical Theatre, Homework Club, Running Club, Tennis, Ski and Snowboard Lessons, Volleyball, March Madness Basketball, Kayaking, Swimming Lessons, Swim Team, Full Day Summer Program, Wrestling, Tee Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Babysitting Course, CPR and First Aid, Cross Country, Science Exploration and Play Well Lego Technology.

Adult Programs: Kayak Adventures, Men's Basketball, Sunday Morning Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, Golf and Tennis.

At Edwin A. Keach Park the sheds have been installed. A large shed will be used for storage and a smaller one to be used as a snack bar. Thanks to Stonehill College and the Edwin A. Keach Memorial Foundation for their generous donations that made the purchase of these sheds possible. Also thank you to the DPW for all the work they put in preparing for the installation of the sheds. The park was used by well over 2000 people this year. Organizations included soccer, lacrosse, football, softball, Ultimate Frisbee and the "Run for Rec" Road Race.

This year we reached out to local businesses for sponsorships. We would like to thank the following sponsors. Balanze Physical Therapy, Bank of Easton, Connolly Insurance, Denette Family Chiropractic, Easton Lions Club, Maplewood Country Day Camp, Mark Halvorsen DMD, Meredith Keach, Morse Insurance Agency, North Easton Savings Bank, Personal Best Karate, Marathon Sports and Roche Brothers.

The spring season began with our Annual Egg Hunt. Eggs were scattered on the lawn of the Town Offices and collected by our largest group ever. The bunny was busy taking pictures and hopping around with the children. This is always a fun day, enjoyed by everyone!

May 10th we re-launched our "Run for Rec" Road Race. We changed the course with the start and finish at Edwin A. Keach Park and moved the race from March to Mother's Day weekend. Even with the changes made there were approximately 100 walkers and runners. Everyone really enjoyed the course and they are looking forward to next year.

Thanks to North Easton Savings Bank we were able to host a Dale and The Duds concert at Frothingham Park. This was very well attended and we hope to offer more concerts in the future.

The town pool had another successful year. This year the pool continued to offer swimming lessons and events that included birthday parties and competitive swim meets.

We ended the summer with our 1st Annual Duck Pluck enjoyed by over 300 people. Over 1800 ducks were sold and dropped into the Town Pool. One of our lifeguards dove in and plucked 65 ducks and prizes were given to all winners. The prizes included cash, Red Sox tickets and gift certificates from area businesses. Thank you to DiscoYo, Hilliard's, and Langwater Farms for the gift cards, Mike Connolly for the Red Sox tickets and the Benton Family for their generous donation.

The H.U.G.S. Walk was once again a success. The department would like to express our gratitude to the H.U.G.S. organization for its generous donation. This money is used to run the late bus for the Easton Middle School. The late bus is for anyone grades 6-8 who stay for after school activities.

For additional information or questions please visit www.easton.ma.us under recreation or call the office at 508-238-3084.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Benton, Chair
Tana Babbitt
Michelle Durrance
Jennifer Gallagher
Mike Glynn
Charles Hammond
Meredith Keach

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2014, the Council on Aging reached out to the 4,917 residents of Easton age 60 or over through our monthly newsletter that was distributed to many business locations around town and was mailed, or e-mailed to individuals upon request. The Council provided over 41,498 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach for 1,468 individuals.

We provided 9,430 rides on our lift-equipped shuttle vans for 190 elderly and disabled residents to a variety of local destinations including medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers, the community building at Parker Terrace and Frothingham Hall Community Center for Council on Aging programs. We continued our connection with the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT) Dial-a-Bat service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments and also provided early morning and late afternoon trips with federal funding obtained through a BAT grant. We applied for a Mass DOT Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) grant through the Brockton Area Transit Authority to replace our 2008 Ford van and hope to receive this new vehicle in the fall of 2015. We went out to bid a new Para transit minivan and hope this van will be in service in early 2015. Funds from a prior year Special Town Meeting Article, along with grants and donations will pay for this new vehicle.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care Services, LLC provided foot care at monthly clinics. The Board of Health sponsored monthly blood pressure clinics. We increased our Flexible Fitness program to three times a week, introduced a weekly Meditation class and continued our weekly Tai-Chi, Yoga and Zumba classes. These classes were supported in part with state funds from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). Old Colony Elder Services provided hot lunches at the Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and with the help of COA volunteers we delivered meals on wheels to homebound elders.

We were fortunate to have over fifty volunteers help us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our older residents including Recreation Bingo, Board Games, Bridge, Canasta, Cribbage, Mah Jongg, Recreational Poker, Swedish Weaving and Quilting. Volunteers also assisted elders with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. Twenty-five older homeowners participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are grateful to the many individuals and groups who enriched the lives of our older residents through their generous gifts of time and support. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our older residents in October at Frothingham Hall. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate delivered Thanksgiving Dinners to a number of our elderly residents through the Turkey Brigade-to-Go program. Children, along with their families and teachers at the Easton Middle School provided wonderful gift bags for elders who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our older residents. The Bristol County Sheriff's Dept., the Easton Police and Fire Departments and senior participants of TRIAD provided a number of programs, which promoted the safety and wellbeing of our older residents.

Our part-time Outreach Coordinator made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elder Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs for seniors at Frothingham Hall and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance and food stamps, which is now called S.N.A.P., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Our long time Council on Aging director, Dolores 'Del' Kent announced her retirement after 34 years working for the Town. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and look forward to working with Kristin Kennedy, who has been appointed the Interim COA Director. Kristin will start in January. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. The Frothingham Hall Community Center provides a wonderful space for our programs and services. However, there are challenges working in a hundred year old building and we look forward to working with town officials to upgrade the operating systems, create

more efficient program space and restore the historic beauty of this wonderful building, so that it will be a well-used community center for many years to come.

For more information on programs and services, please contact Kristin Kennedy, Interim COA Director, 15 Barrows Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Telephone: 508-238-3160; E-mail: kkennedy@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted:

Rose Friedeborn, Chair
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chair
Marie Healey, Secretary
David Cudmore, Treasurer

Marie Graca, Member
Jean Shearing, Member
Francis Spillane, Member

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemetery commission has continued to work to ensuring that all town owned cemeteries are maintained with particular attention focused on the condition of gravestones that are vulnerable to the extreme weather conditions in our area.

Pine grove cemetery located at 5 Morse Rd in South Easton was again the focus of our attention. Trees were pruned and the perimeter of the cemetery was cleaned up removing old fence remnants and tree limbs. The boundaries were surveyed and were marked with permanent bounds to help aid with much needed future development. With the help of CPA funding the goal is to establish approximately 180 future burial plots. Broken stones were assessed with several being repaired.

The commission along with the Easton Lions moved ahead with the development of the Adopt A Cemetery program. The program is designed to work with the help of volunteers to help with the cleaning of headstones and maintenance and general condition estimates.

The Commission thanks all those who help us attain our annual goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Hurley, Chair

Susan Henderson

Michael Madonna

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2014.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the Sixteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program in such areas as regionalization: water, wastewater, 911 emergency services, conducting neighborhood economic and transportation analyses, developing Community Business Guides, conducting a zoning bylaw codification and by providing Green Communities Designation and Grant Program technical assistance. The Council also completed the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Brockton Southwest Corridor Study; the Duxbury Hall's Corner Economic Development and Transportation Study, the Halifax Stormwater Mapping Project; the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities; and, continued participation in the South Coast Commuter Rail Task Force, provided technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton, and Stoughton, related to the potential rail service. The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) during the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, has continued the ongoing administration of over \$1.35 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 95,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA also completed development of the 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging, and continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 1,281 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 277 issues of concern from residents or families. In Addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. During 2014 the Council processed approximately \$425,200 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2014, the Council elected Lee Hartmann, of Plymouth as Council President; Fred L. Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Treasurer; and, Frank P. Staffier of Avon as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Richard Whitney for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the

past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen Donahue, Alternate
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At-Large

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY *Where the Community Connects*

"The clever folks at the Ames Free Library bought this ridiculously pretty house next to the library and turned it into a...community clubhouse of sorts ...It's just so nice to have a place for people of all ages to meet. Someplace safe and friendly, where you can learn and laugh and meet like-minded souls." ~ Kate Klise, first Author-In-Residence at Queset House, August 2014.

PRODUCTIVITY MEASURES	FY15
Visitors	100,920
Circulation	173,542
Program Attendees	11,244
Reference transactions	9,447
Computer use	13,702
Registered borrowers	13,467
Hours Open	2,598
Volunteer hours – non-subsidized	2,326

NOTE: Fiscal year statistics (State Aid Annual Report Information Survey).

Circulation Highlights

*This is my favorite library. When I grow up, I will live in Easton so I can be close by.
~ William Nipoti, Age 5.*

- One of the reasons William wants to 'live close' to the library is because it is a member of a valuable consortium of 72 neighboring libraries that form the SAILS group. This allows the community of Easton to have free access to a whopping 3,731,927 books and other materials. The community evidently values this as the library has consistently remained in the top ten highest circulating libraries in the system.
- The community also seems primed to embrace new technology as suggested by the vigorous use of 4,869 eBooks; 1,252 uses of the online app *Bookmyne*; 1,026 checkouts of eMagazines and 1,476 audio books that also placed in the top ten highest usages in the system.
- The circulation of non-traditional items has made this a landmark year for enriching the scope of circulation. 10 chromebook tablets, 4 Kill-a-watt energy saving gauges; 4 Roku streaming media players, 8 eReaders and 218 electronic games were added to the collection, reflecting the expanding needs of society.

Facilities

I live in Stoughton but have been coming to the Ames Free Library since I first saw it and fell in love with it. ~ Gloria Nykiel.

- On April 11, 2014, there was more to 'fall in love with' as the learning commons@ Queset House was opened in a bid to expand library services to the community. Since its opening, over 50 groups began using it as meeting space and over 20,000 visitors were recorded by the end of the year. Queset House was featured in the November issue of *Library Journal*.

- With the help of CPA funds, the final phase of the restoration of Queset Garden was completed. A fountain donated by Stonehill College was installed and benches were added around the Garden by donors. The location has rapidly become one of the most popular photo locales in town, used for high school prom and yearbook entries as well as brides and fashion shoots.
- A fourth garden statue from Stonehill College was installed in the walled garden of Queset House.
- The campus was visited by multiple tour groups: *Historic New England*, The Graduate School of Design at *Harvard University*, architecture students from the *Roger Williams University*, local *Boy Scout Troop 193* and the *Boston Arts & Craft Group*.
- A much-needed stabilization and bricking of a critical portion of the parking lot was completed.
- Repointing and masonry repairs to the children's addition exterior wall were completed.

Programs

The Massachusetts Senate hereby extends its Congratulations to...Ames Library's continued promotion of innovative programs, creativity, collaboration and community support. ~ Sen. Brian A. Joyce, 4- 11-2014.

For Adults:

Staff worked hard at providing innovative lifelong learning experiences with the help of 353 programs designed specifically for adults.

- The number of technology programs exploded with full utilization of new equipment available at Queset House. Workshops on *Basic HTML*, *Photoshop*, *WordPress* and *Facebook* were offered by R. Lombardi. OAHS students presented *iMovie* software while a multi-part series on filmmaking was taught by E. Hands. A three-part workshop on social media and blogging was arranged for small business and home business owners; D. Adduci hosted a series on *iPads*; the mini-studio and camera available at Queset was giving publicity via a lecture on how to sell on eBay; resident B. O'Neill offered an advanced three-part workshop on *JavaScript*; one-on-one *Smart Phone Assistance* weekly sessions with B. Lewis continued to be popular through the year and regular sessions of 'Tech Time' were offered by library staff. 3-D printing sessions, fiber arts workshops, interactive talks on Overdrive and eBooks, blogging, and filmmaking were offered during the Opening Day at Queset House. J. Daniels of ECAT taught a six week advanced course on making musical symphony with VDMX. A basic robotics class for adults led to the making of 'bristlebots' and 'artbots' that could draw; as well as a class on using *E-L Wires*.
- The Agricultural Commission launched a series of local farming discussions on vermiculture composting, the increasing homogeneity in seed stock, and GMO's.
- Educational workshops featured a Career Round Table; foster care; conquering stress; parenting tips to create youth leaders;
- Informational sessions included methods on researching one's home in Easton; painting old homes; increasing one's 'VIP Quotient'; the importance of fascial systems in the treatment of chronic pain; and Reiki.
- Financial lectures presented tools and techniques for improving one's business; financing college; a two-part series on creating homes of lasting value; retirement planning for women; three sessions on estate planning; insurance; socially responsible investing. SOFA (Society for Financial Awareness) also teamed with the library for a series of talks on personal finance.
- Cultural programs ranged from a popular talk on hats by resident L. Pires, who exhibited a few of her unusual hats from a 500-strong collection, to the riveting account of being a Top Gun naval woman pilot by OAH graduate Lt. Stephanie Latham. Selectman Colleen Corona also presented a comprehensive account of her official travel to Pakistan.
- Various residents established new ongoing clubs. A three-week course on researching family history with Ed Hands was completed. Interest in this workshop led him to develop a brand new monthly Genealogy Club at the library. A Divorce Support Group met for a few months. Amy Donahue's weekly Meditation and Tea group developed a very loyal following. John Brown had monthly one-on-one sessions on car repair and car problems.
- Authors who spoke at the library were: mystery writer Hallie Ephron, bestselling author Ann Hood accompanied by Marianne Leone Cooper and Taylor Polites, FBI agent Michael de la Pena,

Maine Master Guide Randy Spencer, scientist Stephen Wilk, food guru Ben Hewitt, *Boston Globe* reporters Scott Helman and Jenna Russell, Boston Marathon Race Director Dave McGilivray, memoirists Yvonne deSousa and Thatcher Freund; and local authors Virginia Young, Thomas McNeely, Michael Keith and Rose Freitas Buck.

- Amateur authors were encouraged in a number of ways. Writing workshops were given weekly by author-in-residence Kate Klise through August. Easton poets, R. Berg and G. Comeaux, held monthly workshops on writing/editing poetry. Published author T. McNeely also offered a single workshop. For the sixth consecutive year, *NaNoWriMo* (National Novel Writing Month), was hosted by A. Dean at the library.
- Other programs included two months of regular Pilate sessions offered freely by *Easton Pilates*; a performance by the Generations Saxophone Quartet; and three historic walking tours on Main Street, Shovel Shops, and Four Easton Landscapes by E. Hands.
- Regular adult programs featured:
 - Book discussions facilitated by rotating staff twice a month.
 - Monthly screenings of first-run movies hosted by W. Brown
 - A series of documentary viewing and discussions hosted by local award-winning documentarian, G. Del Guercio as well as showings by D. Ames, A. Danielson of Brockton Arts, and H. Varella.
 - Bi-monthly knitting evenings managed by K. Korona.
 - Monthly beading meets arranged by D. Adduci.
 - In August, a monthly Quilting Group led by K. Korona was added to the list of popular crafts.
 - From Paleo Diets to edible landscaping, the ever-popular Foodie Group continued providing monthly presentations organized by residents B. Anderson and C. Cole.
 - Travel was made easier for residents who benefited from monthly Trip Talks to locations as diverse as Cambodia, Japan, the National Parks, South Africa, Massachusetts, as well as more generalized ones such as J. Lee and J. Swanson's take on learning and self-discovery through travel. All were arranged and managed by L. Rubinacci.
 - Unique collections ranging from hats, aprons, jewelry to toys and pottery were exhibited in the glass case while local artists and photographers were on rotating display on the exhibit brick wall.

For Teens

The library was able to offer 64 teen-focused programs. A successful competitive federal LSTA grant as well as a Cultural Council grant funded some of the programs listed below:

- Monthly gaming nights utilizing the hundreds of new games available at Queset House.
- Monthly Teen Advisory Board meetings.
- Weekly Magic game gatherings organized by teen residents.
- Regular Movie Nights for teens.
- Regular Teen Anime meets.
- Entertaining programs such as cupcake and cookie decorating; soap-making; innovative nail-art; teen yoga sessions; a Medieval Mystery Party and a popular Star Wars Symposium with J. Bloom dressed in full regalia as Obi-Wan-Kenobi.
- Hands-on workshops such as recycling with 'plarn'; simple circuitry bots; wearable art with EL wires; and outdoor survival skills.
- Peer workshops were also held with high-schooler, S. Barry, teaching *Sketchbook Pro* and *Manga*.

A fine-free week for teens was held in October and a Kindle loaded exclusively with Young Adult literature was introduced into the collection.

For Children

The team of Miss Mimsy (W. Hasler) and part-timer H. O'Leary were able to successfully host 310 children's programs that attracted over 6,400 young attendees.

- The goal of encouraging early childhood reading continued to be anchored in the six-a-week storytelling series aimed at every age group from 6 months and up.
- An addition for a while was the voluntary Parent-Child storybook hour managed by local parents.

- Individual programs ran the gamut from ‘Kick-Off to Kindergarten’ training sessions and celebrations of ‘Take Your Child to the Library Day’; to cartooning workshops and a reading session with Daisy the potbellied pig who really hammed it up with the kids.
- An *American Girl Book Club* was held monthly right through the year.
- A six-week course on *Baby Sign Language* was offered to new/expecting parents and caregivers.
- A unique *Book Buddies* reading program at the Animal Protection Center was launched by Miss Mimsy in the early part of the year and continued twice a month to encourage reluctant readers.
- Outreach reading was also provided weekly at the neighboring YMCA.
- A new *LEGO Club* for all ages was an instant attraction and became a weekly event.
- Community collaborations led to some great children’s events such as *Old Colony Music Together*; Purim stories with *Temple Beth Emunah*; and musical sessions with *Small Singers and Shakers*.
- The annual Summer Reading Program featured weekly concerts and events attended by over a thousand visitors; as well as attractive reading incentives and prizes for 250 registrants.
- Periodic themed parties were held: the Curious George party; Batman Day featuring photo shoots with Batman accessories; and Frozen Sing Along with photos and movie screening.

“Where the community connects”

I would not want to live in a town without a library ~ Athena Codianni, Age 8.

The scope for community connection widened with the availability of Queset House. Library open hours totaled 2,598 hours in the year, of which 577 were after 5 pm and 301 on weekends. 13,467 individuals registered as library card holders, though various collaborations were generated in less quantifiable ways.

- Monthly book discussions were held at the *Council on Aging*, and collaboration on delivery of books to homebound members of the community remained successful.
- Groups from the *SE Rehabilitation Center* continued monthly visits to the library.
- About two dozen hats were knitted by the Knitters Group for donation to *Boston Strong*.
- *Friends of the Ames Free Library* hosted book sales and fundraisers to sponsor museum passes, a popcorn machine, snacks for teen programs and other items needed by the library.
- *Paperback Junction* helped enrich Author Talk programs with sale of books at the event.
- The library collaborated with the *YMCA, Brockton Arts, Mansfield Bank* and the *Easton Historical Society* to host joint programs.
- A *Living Wax Museum* by fifth graders was hosted in May.
- The ‘Thousand Friend’ mark on *Facebook* was crossed with the thousandth friend awarded a gift.
- Between September 11- 13, the library worked with a film crew from *South Korea* to document library functioning and activities for a documentary film.
- The music library of the *Sharon Concert Band* was housed in the Library attic until 2019.
- *Homeschoolers* continued to meet and plan more collaborative workshops at Queset House.
- Resident A.MacMannis installed an *Easton Stories* exhibit at Queset House.
- The *Easton Garden Club* set up a unique 3-day Books in Bloom exhibit at the Main Library.

Budget

“FIVE STARS!!” Written in big letters on library comment form by Ty Brian.

In FY15, the library was in full compliance with the materials expenditure requirements and open hour standards as set by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Easton’s municipal per capita expenditure for the library was \$18.99 according to the most recent (FY12) *Municipal Pie* report deriving from the Uniform Municipal Accounting System. The average in the 15,000 – 24,999 population grouping of 53 municipalities was almost double at \$35.81. At 0.71% of total municipal expenditures, Easton ranked 47th out of 53. With 51% of the budget fulfilled by private endowments; 40% by municipal and state government; and 9% through fundraising and fines, the Ames Free Library continued to provide the biggest bang for every Easton buck in FY15.

Fundraising

We have a "thankful list" in our house...we write things up there to remind us of things we are grateful for. The library regularly finds its way on the list as we are grateful to have such a great library and staff.. ~ Bob Sheldon, Pastor of Easton Baptist Church.

Community 'thanks' was amply registered at all the fundraising initiatives developed by M. Wingfield. The generosity of individual donors was critical in helping the library achieve its aims for the year.

- Special fundraisers included an Olde Tyme Field Day on June 21; Pops at Queset on September 28 and Sweet Celebrations on November 14.
- The library was successful in securing a competitive two-year federal Libraries and Technology Services Act grant for 'Serving Tweens and Teens'.
- The library also received a competitive grant from the Massachusetts Library Aid Association for staff development.
- The Bricks for Books program continued with donations of \$1,500.
- The Easton Cultural Council grant helped support a library program.
- Cooperative fundraising with the Shovel Town Cultural District provided \$562.97 following an Artisan's Faire and Tea.
- Much-needed CPA grants helped in the ongoing restoration of masonry and the Garden.
- An Annual Appeal letter was mailed to over 7,000 residents and netted \$21,510 by end of year.

Board and Staff

In my job I sometimes have had to get quick, last minute help finding a movie and you are the only library that gets back to me right away and always helps me. I am a resident of Easton and frequent the library and I think we have the best in the Commonwealth! ~ Christine Quinn

- For all the grandeur of the Richardson architecture, the library was 'great' thanks to the energy, innovation, creativity and skills of staff who contributed far beyond their responsibilities.
- Whitney Hasler matured into the beloved 'Miss Mimsy' as a full-time Youth Services librarian following the departure of Amy Dean.
- Heather O'Leary, familiar as a longtime volunteer and trainee at the library, graduated and joined as a part-time Youth Services librarian in March.
- Following a rigorous search in February, Jed T. Phillips was hired as the new *Reference, Information and Technology Services* librarian to replace S. Somerdin.
- J. Bloom and U. Hiremath were presenters at the annual 2014 Legislative Breakfast in February.
- I. Dunbar and U. Hiremath presented a talk at the annual Massachusetts Library System conference in April.
- J. Bloom and J. Phillips presented a talk at the annual NELA conference in October.
- Burt Lewis started as a per diem manager at Queset House in May.
- All library staff volunteered two hours each at *My Brother's Keeper*.
- M. Silva organized a Red Sox Day at the library to help collect for *Jimmy Funds*.
- The nine-member volunteer Board of Directors worked hard to plan the development of Queset House and Garden restoration; husband library endowments to their best possible advantage; and ensure the ongoing vitality of the library. With over 125 years of combined service, the Board imbues rare continuity and vision to the Ames Free Library.

Respectfully submitted: Uma Hiremath, Executive Director

Library Information

Hours: Monday – Thursday 10 – 8; Friday & Saturday 10 – 5.

Closed on Saturdays July through Labor Day. Closed on all major national holidays.

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YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/user/AmesFreeLibrary>

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2014. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2014 was higher than the total amount distributed for 2013. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for roughly forty-eight percent of the total income earned with the balance coming from interest income earned on fixed income securities and certificates of deposit.

Investment returns are increasing, and the markets had a strong year. Dividend income is still difficult to predict, but The Trustees will continue to work closely with investment advisors to assure that portfolio quality remains high and that income available for distribution is as high as prudent management permits.

	Book Value	12/31/14 Market Value	2014 Income Paid to Town
Highways Fund	\$5,565,988.73	\$7,712,487.08	\$225,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	\$244326.28	\$317,372.06	\$8,000.00
Schools Fund	\$4,623,974.21	\$6,600,456.22	\$200,000.00

Respectfully,
James S. Thomas, Trustee

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF
OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, INC.
WWW.OAKESAMESHALL.ORG**

Income	Donors	7,120.00
	Friends of OAMH	4,085.00
	Music Series	8,301.00
	Rentals	<u>28,851.00</u>
	Total Income.....	48,357.00

Operating Expenses:

Salaries/Fees	Rental Agent	3,000.00
	Custodian	<u>3,145.00</u>
		6,145.00

Utilities	Heating Oil	12,520.00
	National Grid	3,439.00
	Columbia Gas	392.00
	Town of Easton- Water	191.00
	Verizon Telephone	<u>468.00</u>
		17,010.00

Fire Safety	Town of Easton- Sprinkler Fees	668.00
	Sprinkler Inspections (4)	1,678.00
	Sprinkler Inspections (4) 2013	<u>1,654.00</u>
		4,000.00

Insurance	Liability and Workers' Comp.	985.00
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Miscellaneous	Music Series	7,562.00
	Floors	2,785.00
	Plumbing, septic	1,495.00
	Waste Management	1,253.00
	Holiday exterior lighting	1,200.00
	Hardware & Cleaning Supplies	1,081.00
	Thermal Barrier Stairway	1,000.00
	Landscaping	820.00
	Internet, Web Page	420.00
	Piano	350.00
	Tax Preparation	300.00
	Other	<u>2,000.00</u>
		20,266.00
	Total Expense.....	48,406.00

Net Income <Deficit> < 49.00 >

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
140 NORTH WALKER STREET * TAUNTON, MA 02780
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This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1959 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to this arbovirus and to the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Much has changed in recent years. New technologies and products are now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks. These devices enable our workers to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications, document application routes, and tell us where "no spray zones" exist in any particular neighborhood. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Health for testing.

During the 2014-mosquito season, 21,760 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 15 isolations of EEE with no human cases in the County. We had eight mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV, however there was one case of a deer that tested positive for EEE in Freetown, MA.

Our project continues its efforts year round. Our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams. Where feasible, we conduct open marsh management projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

During the time period January 1, 2014– December 31, 2014 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 25,933 acres
- Treated 21.6 acres with *B.t.i.* in 37 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,192 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 1,860 feet of brush
- Treated 2,030 catch basins
- Additionally, an aerial larviciding was conducted over the Hockomock Swamp. Approximately 3,120 acres was treated (total including Easton and Raynham) with VectoBac 12AS liquid Biological Larvicide.

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers,

and creating informational posters for distribution. Our Project also has a website www.bristolcountymosquitocontrol.com to better communicate with and relate important information to our cities and towns.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Easton for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

jennifer E. Dacey
Superintendent

December 31, 2014

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Joseph Barile
Christine A. Fagan
Robert F. Davis

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the **Easton Cultural Council (ELCC)** is to award grants based on an allocation received annually from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The ECC's goal is to support public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ECC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women and children. We are pleased to say that we were able to fund several programs that will enrich the lives of Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had nine active members: We are all appreciative of the service of our Outgoing Members: Chair, Christine Junge, Co-Chair, Debbie Neuman, and Kate Mensh. Our present Roster now includes: Chair, Carolyn Cole, Co-secretaries Peter Buhl and Frank Smith, Treasurer Richard Connolly, Linda Paolucci, Inez Smrz, Susan Ricciardi, Mary Kimball and our newest member, Michael Madonna.

The Members awarded grants to 24 organizations for a total of \$6,493. Massachusetts Cultural Council Annual Report of Easton Local Cultural Council activity is attached.

The Easton Cultural Council held a LCO program of its own—The Fourth Annual Easton Lantern Parade. This year's event was held on June 29, 2014 in conjunction with the Legacy Art/Music/Food/Fun Festival presented by the Easton Shovel Town Cultural District and Trustees of Reservations at the Governor Oliver Ames Estate, 35 Oliver Street, North Easton. The Council's Lantern Walk ended the festivities of the day with Children's Interactive Entertainer, Roger Tinknell. The Festival's great success was due to the many community organizations that took part in it including: The Children's Museum in Easton, Stedfast School of Music and Art; The Lion's Club, Flourish Florals, Yasso Yogurt, The Historical Society, Ames Free Library, Unity Church, The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District Art Co-op Gallery, Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, Beacon Communities/Ames Shovel Works Project, Bob's Skidoo, Simpson Spring, The Garden Club, Gloria Freitas-Steidinger, Easton Advertiser, Rosa Galeno Foods, Maquires/The Foundry Restaurants, The Farmer's Daughter, The Blackthorne Publick House, Town of Easton Board of Selectmen, Administrative Management and Staff, Police, Fire, Health, Building, Recreation Departments and Council on Aging. The generosity of the Avery Lee Williams Family Trust and the North Easton Savings Bank funded this event. And...of course, the many volunteers made it all happen!

Easton Cultural Council members are allowed to serve only six consecutive years. Currently with nine members, we meet the five member minimum that is in place in order to receive and distribute the annual state grant. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Carolyn Cole at fairewind7@aol.com or Connor Read, Business/Citizens Advocate for the Town of Easton, cread@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Cole, Chair

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

The Public Spaces Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the Town's 'Adopt-A-Space' program, devising program policy and procedures, identifying spaces eligible for adoption as well as providing management and oversight of the custodianship of adopted spaces by commercial and private sponsors.

The Committee meets approximately once per month to review and approve any applications to sponsor a site. This year, the Committee finalized the application form and sponsor agreement provisions that sponsors must agree to in order to be approved by the Committee during its monthly review of applicants. The Committee spent a considerable amount of time working diligently with members of the community, including hearing perspectives from Easton Garden Club members and soliciting input and feedback on what was deemed reasonable for expectations for the agreement provisions.

The Committee has been hard at work in determining signage recommendations for the Town-provided signs that will prominently display the name of the sponsor at each adopted space. Everything from materials, to colors, dimensions, textures, and reflectivity have all been evaluated. The Committee is committed to seeking out competitive bids with signage vendors that will reflect careful consideration to the cost while reconciling desirable craftsmanship with regard to each sign produced.

The Committee is looking forward to a successful year of public space adoptions for 2015 by seeking to expand its base of sponsorship by private individuals, community organizations and businesses alike. We would like to encourage attendance at our meetings by any member of the public, particularly residents interested in participating in beautification and maintenance initiatives of our town's idyllic spaces.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew McAlarney, Chairman

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the members of the Human Resources Board respectfully submit the following Annual Report for the Year 2014.

The Human Resources Board was re-established in 2014 after having been inactive for several years. The board consists of three members, all of whom are Town of Easton residents. The primary responsibilities of the Human Resources Board are to ensure a Non-Union Classification Plan and a Salary Plan exist, that they are updated every 5 years, and to provide recommendations as to the implementation and administration of said plans. Additionally, the Human Resources Board reviews proposed job description changes and job descriptions that are proposed for new positions.

In 2014, the Human Resources Board reviewed two new jobs, a Market Manager for the Farmer's Market, and a Transportation Clerk for the Council on Aging. The Market Manager was slotted into Grade 4 of the current Non-Union Classification Plan, and the Transportation Clerk was slotted into Grade 5.

The most significant work conducted by the Human Resources Board in 2014 was the creation of a new Non-Union Classification and Salary Plan. The Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management at UMass Boston was selected as our vendor for this process. The consultant from the Collins Center, Mary Aicardi, met with the Board to explain the methodology for the project, which included updating job descriptions, conducting market research on salary data from a peer group of surrounding towns, creating a Salary Plan based on that data, and finally slotting jobs into the new Classification Plan. Highlights of the new plans include:

- a reduction in the total number of salary grades,
- a decrease in the minimum to maximum range of each grade from 40% to 30% , and
- a decrease in the percentage of annual step increase from 4% to 2%.

The Board also provided advice to the Town Administrator as to how best to communicate the new Classification Plan and Salary Plan to employees. While the majority of the work in the design of the plan was conducted in 2014, approval and implementation took place in 2015.

For more information on the Human Resources Board, the Personnel By-Law, or the Non-Union Classification and Salary Plans, please contact Jill English at (508) 230-5024.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill English, Chair
John Curran, Member
Laura McIntyre, Member

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently." The member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities. In the fall of 2014, the Town of Lakeville became SERSG's twentieth member.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper, DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2014. More than twenty different categories of supplies are procured for the Easton Department of Public Works (DPW). In the fall, SERSG coordinated procurement of more than twenty categories of DPW Services as well as an RFP for Drug & Alcohol Testing Services for CDL drivers.

As a participant in SERSG's office supply contract, Easton currently enjoys a discount of 76.52% off non-excluded office supplies in the United Stationer's Supply wholesaler's catalog and more than 50% off ink and toner cartridges. When comparing Easton's office supplies spending to catalog list prices, the town saved more than \$250,000 by using the SERSG contract. The Town also pays a fixed competitive price for cartons of paper through the SERSG paper contract.

The estimated value of supplies and services procured for the DPW totaled more than \$2 Million during 2014. In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the entire procurement up until contract execution, additional savings per year result from highly competitive contract pricing. For example for Easton's zone for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel, purchases on the state contract would cost the town almost seven cents more per gallon. Gasoline purchases on the state contract would cost Easton almost six cents per gallon more than the SERSG contract. Sodium hypochlorite drum purchases through SERSG save the town more than 30 cents per gallon. A survey of four varieties of delivered stone items indicates SERSG's prices were lower than the lowest state contract price by an average of more than \$4.00 per ton. Taking into account these items alone, Easton is saving more than \$16,000 per year based on estimated usage.

In response to new continuing education requirements for employees who carry hoisting licenses, SERSG held two continuing education training sessions in April at a greatly reduced rate for SERSG member communities. With Easton sending 23 employees, the town saved more than \$4000 on training fees based on what it would have cost employees to take the class individually with the contracted training company.

SERSG also coordinated a joint application for a 2014 Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Grant to fund the establishment of a regional stormwater collaborative to address municipal stormwater management issues. This collaborative will directly help communities improve the quality of their local watersheds and comply with the current and newly drafted mandates of EPA's MS4 general permit through collaborative education and training and development of standardized policies and procedures for municipal stormwater management. The grant was funded for \$80,000.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway and DPW Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Information Technology Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and the School Business Office. Information Technology is responsible for 25 servers, 118 desktop computers, 36 notebook computers and 15 iPads. All sites are connected with Town owned 1GB fiber optic lines except Fire Station #2 which is now connected using a secure wireless connection to the tower in back of Fire Station #1. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Verizon FiOS line with a backup Comcast Internet connection at the Town Offices.

In 2014 I.T. was still heavily involved with both the Fire and Police Departments in working toward central dispatch. We continued to work with TriTech and TacTech to migrate all of the data on the old Fire dispatch server to the Police server which has now become the central database for both Police and Fire. There were numerous iterations of moving updated database tables from TacTech to the test database. Finally on October 27, the test database was merged with the live data and project completed.

In early 2014, all focus was on GIS. After meeting with the DPW and Applied Geographics we determined what all the pieces of that puzzle were and where I.T would fit in. First we needed more storage space so 2 new EqualLogic PS4100 storage arrays with 7.8 Terabytes of space each were purchased. Then I needed to migrate all of the volumes from the older arrays (which were at end of life anyway) to the new arrays. Next the DPW server was rebuilt as a Windows 2008 R2 64 bit virtual server with additional hard drive space. Finally 2 new virtual servers were built for the SQL database and the GIS front end. Additional DNS work had to be done to get external addresses pointing to the right places on the new servers.

The next major project was the upgrade of the Exchange 2003 server to Exchange 2013. Since a direct migration was not possible I had to make an intermediate jump to Exchange 2010. I first built 2 new Windows 2008 R2 64bit virtual servers, one for Exchange 2010 and the other for Exchange 2013 server. Over a period of several weeks we migrated accounts from the 2003 to the 2010. It didn't go very smoothly and the biggest issues were with smart phones connecting to the new server. The next jump from 2010 to 2013 was much easier with the only real issues being the migration of accounts from the SchoolDept and Publicworks domains. But by keeping the 2 servers in sync mode for several weeks the users noticed no email downtime.

The other big project in 2014 was the implementation of Dell AppAssure for doing backups of the virtual servers. 2 new servers were created using Windows 2008 R2 64bit, one at the Town Offices and one at the Police Dept. Each AppAssure server is able to backup their respective local virtual servers and then they are able to replicate those backups to each other so all data resides in both datacenters.

Finally the Internet IPSEC tunnel which had connected Fire Station #2 for the last few years was replaced with a secure wireless link from the tower behind Station #1 directly to Station #2. This resulted in an increase in bandwidth for Station #2 from 4-6 Megabytes to over 100 Megabytes which was a tremendous improvement. It also allows us to save a monthly fee for Internet access in that building.

Currently we are using an integrated municipal application from a company known as SoftRight out of Westford, Massachusetts. The Town went live with the SoftRight Payroll application On January 1 of 2009. Since that time we have migrated all of our other applications including General Ledger, Budget, Accounts Payable & Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Payroll & Personnel, Treasury Receipts, Collector's Receivables, Tax Title, Water Billing and Trash Billing.

Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

The Committee's mission is "to help educate the Town of Easton on clean energy options and measures that can be implemented to reduce energy use, conserve resources and reduce emissions; to assist in the development of cost effective projects on municipal facilities to reduce energy and resource use and develop renewable energy resources; and to promote awareness of new technologies and their potential impact on energy use and resource conservation".

The Committee held meetings throughout 2014. On March 31st, the Board of Selectmen accepted Adrienne Edward's resignation from the Committee. During the meeting on May 7th, Easton resident member Kerri Mullen was elected as Chair. Colleen Less continued as the School Board Committee appointee, and accepted the position of Clerk. Board of Selectmen appointee Daniel Smith accepted the position of Vice-Chair. Resident Bryan Long continued his appointment, and resident Tanner Marsh joined the Committee. Student representative Yasmine Mifdal completed the school year appointment through the summer of 2014, and the new school year brought a new representative from Oliver Ames, Richard Wong. The Committee welcomes its new members, and thanks previous members for their contributions.

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities grant program continued to be a focal point of the green initiatives of the Town and the Committee this year. Easton received designation as a Green Community in 2010. Through this program, the Town was awarded a \$168,300 grant in 2011 to fund several energy efficiency projects. In addition, the Town received an \$8,000 utility rebate in 2013 due to the grant-funded installation of efficient boilers at the Town Offices. As a result of the 2013 Green Communities Competitive grant, Easton received a \$250,000 grant that funded two additional energy efficiency projects (insulated garage door installation and phase II of the Towns LED streetlight replacement initiative). The Town completed its 2013 Green Communities Competitive Grant projects in October 2014. We received an extension for the 2013 OATA grant to June 30, 2015. In order to satisfy the requirements of the program and maintain our Green Community designation and grant eligibility, Adrienne Edwards composed and submitted quarterly progress reports, as well as the 2014 Green Community annual report, to the DOER.

The combined energy savings of these projects and prior building efficiency upgrades moved Easton toward our goal of reducing energy consumption by 20% before the end of FY2014 (a criterion of Green Community designation). Easton's baseline energy year, from which consumption change is measured, is FY2009. According to the State's no-cost MassEnergyInsight online reporting program, the Town's energy consumption for fiscal year 2011 showed a slight reduction of 3% from the baseline, FY2012 showed a significant reduction of about 16%, and FY2013 revealed a moderate reduction of approximately 10% (likely a result of the extreme weather conditions of winter 2012/2013). Easton's overall energy reduction margin is expected to continue to grow as a result of additional efficiency projects and behavioral changes being implemented throughout Easton's municipal and school facilities.

In 2014 the Committee held six meetings. In January, with support from the Green Communities Committee, the remainder of a Clean Energy Center grant was used to purchase 28 Idle Free Zone signs for school parking lots and drop-off / pick-up zones. The Committee promoted the Idle-Free Zones to reduce energy usage and conserve resources. In April, several members of the Committee attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Purchase Street Solar Field. On May 7th, the Committee met with Ellen Barlow to offer feedback to the Master Planning Committee on how the Green Communities Committee can work with Envision Easton throughout the process. In June, the Selectmen approved the Greenest of Easton Awards as a measure to increase awareness and enthusiasm in the community for efforts in sustainability. The awards support the Green Communities mission "to promote awareness of new technologies and their potential impact on energy use and resource conservation". In July, the Committee requested nominations from the community for the Greenest Business, Organization, Resident, School Group, School Administrator, and School Teacher. In September, the Committee reviewed all nominations, and proposed the final awardees to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). The BOS approved the awardees, and each recipient was presented with a proclamation and recognition on a plaque at Town Hall on December 15th. Throughout the year, The Green Communities Committee worked to continue a partnership with Next Step Living.

I wish to thank each of the Committee members: Daniel Smith of the Board of Selectmen, Colleen Less of the School Committee, at-large members Bryan Long and Tanner Marsh, and student member Richard Wong, for your efforts. I also thank Adrienne Edwards for her guidance throughout the year. I look forward to working with you during 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri M. Mullen, Chair of the Easton Green Communities Committee

2014 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Easton Agricultural Commission began its work in September 2011. The seven member board is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within Easton. The Commission generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Agricultural Commission operated the third summer season of Original Easton Farmers Market at its Depot Street location. The Market operated both Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning on May 17 and ending on October 31. The number of visitors to the Saturday market continued to increase over 2013 numbers. The Market moved indoors to Oakes Ames Memorial Hall for the winter season. New vendors at the market include producers of locally grown and processed beef, poultry and pork; locally grown and produced alpaca fiber products and locally produced crafts. The mission of the market is providing residents access to locally produced food and to promote local agriculture. The Depot Street is in a prime location for attracting people commuting from their homes to other destinations. Oakes Ames Memorial Hall is ideally located for an easy walk, bike ride or drive for residents living around north Easton and its surrounds.

The Wheaton Farm Community Garden entered its second season. All but one gardener from the 2013 season returned and several new gardeners leased plots.

During 2014, the Commission voted to and submitted comments to the USDA on the rules and regulations being proposed under the Food Security Management Act. This act, intended to ensure food safety for consumers, could result in some costly, cumbersome and arguably ineffective operational procedures on small farm operations.

Commission members and staff attended several conferences and workshops during the year including the Massachusetts Farmers Market Association Farmers Market Workshop, SEMAP's annual Agricultural Conference and NOFA.

Rory O'Dwyer, who has been a member since the Commission was established, did not seek reappointment at the end of term. Her contributions to the Commission have been missed. Katie O'Dwyer, who is also a principal of Langwater Farms, LLC replaced Rory on the Commission..

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sandstrum, Chairman

Edmund Hands, Vice Chairman

Janice Narsasian, Secretary

Peter Palm

Sean Flynn

Katie O'Dwyer

Rosa Galeno

Annual Report 2014



OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Jeremy P Gillis, MMC/CMMC, Town Clerk
Lucia Longhurst, Records Manager & Compliance Officer
Teressa Wooding, Assistant Town Clerk

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2014 was a busy year overall for the Office of the Town Clerk. The Office conducted 3 Elections, 1 Regular Town Election as well as the State Primary in September and General Election in November the Annual Town Meeting and 1 Special Town Meeting. In all, over 11,000 voters partook in Town democracy this year. The Records Manager and Compliance Officer, Lucia Longhurst, completed her first year of the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute and Academy. Upon her completion of her third year, she will have satisfied the requirements to obtain the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. In the latter half of the year, longtime Town Employee and Principal Clerk, Teressa Wooding, was promoted to the position of Assistant Town Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate the efforts of Easton residents, visitors and employees to access public information in an efficient, transparent and timely manner, To enable voters to avail themselves of the democratic process, to provide high quality service in a courteous and professional manner, to strive to improve both the Office and its employees through habitual innovation and education, to preserve and promote the history of the Town through its historical documents and artifacts, and to comply with Federal, State and Local statutes.

General Powers and Duties

The Easton Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Administrator. He holds the rank of department head. State law provides that the Town Clerk is the official keeper of the Town Seal and the Town's Oath Book. He and both members of his staff are Notaries Public and have the authority to notarize documents signed in their presence. The Town Clerk serves as the custodian of Town records and official documents. He is responsible for the maintenance, preservation and disposition of all Town records. He is required by state law to ensure that Town records are readily available for public inspection.

Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics

The Town Clerk also acts as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics. He accepts for filing and maintains records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Easton. The Town Clerk is authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and administers adoption and record-change depositions. There is no fee for filing a vital record; however there is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a vital record. The fee is \$20.00 for the first copy and \$10.00 for each additional copy (if requested when obtaining first copy). Anyone may inspect vital records (*except out of wedlock birth records may be inspected only by those individuals named on the record*) for the cost of retrieval.

Marriage Licenses

The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person (*except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated*) at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is **\$50.00**. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates

All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as "doing business as" or "DBA" certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The DBA files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the DBA certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate. Easton maintains a database of DBA information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is **\$50.00**.

Dog Licenses

All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of January annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is **\$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog, **\$15.00** otherwise. A Late Fee of **\$5.00 per month** is added if the dog is not licensed by March 1st or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist & Records Manager

Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.

VITAL STATISTICS

In 2014, The Town of Easton registered the following number of Vital events:

Births:	180
Deaths:	179
Marriages:	80

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

In 2014 the Office issued the following number of Licenses and permits:

Dog:	1916
Business Certificate:	133
Burial Permits:	85
Yard Sale:	73
Raffle:	4

VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2014 the office recorded the following:

New Voters:	914
Change of Registration:	4280
Deleted voters:	951

ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

Elections held in Easton in 2014 were as follows:

<u>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION-</u>	APRIL 22, 2014
<u>STATE PRIMARY-</u>	SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
<u>STATE ELECTION-</u>	NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Town Meetings held in Easton in 2014 were as follows:

<u>ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-</u>	MAY 19, 2014
<u>SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-</u>	NOVEMBER 17, 2014

RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 22ND TOWN ELECTION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, 3 YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
TORRE CHRISTEN	37	37	34	47	59	214
LYRICK SULLIVAN	53	44	42	113	81	433
Art Wilson	0	0	1	1	0	2
Blank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	279	80	162	140	861

BOARD OF ASSESSORS, 3 YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
GABRIELE LUCASIAN	7	172	51	129	66	325
All Others	2	1	1	2	2	8
Blank	14	50	25	67	42	298
Total	100	279	80	192	111	861

BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
DAVID MILLER	72	161	62	126	74	595
C. E. Smith	4	1	1	0	0	6
Blank	30	50	25	63	37	245
Total	100	279	80	192	111	861

W. BORD, COMMITTEE, 3 YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
CAROLINE T. SMITH	65	173	40	121	66	565
LARRY DEAN	6	124	37	107	67	341
Art Wilson	1	0	1	1	1	4
Blank	28	72	60	157	86	423
Total	100	469	175	386	221	1091

FINANCE COMMITTEE, 3 YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
KATHERINE DE BROSSE	0	130	61	116	63	370
LUCK W. KANEV	27	131	36	127	64	485
MICHAEL PETERSON SR	0	130	62	116	64	492
Art Wilson	1	0	1	0	0	2
Blank	135	92	160	244	140	731
Total	163	493	260	597	337	1750

FINANCE COMMITTEE, ONE YEAR						
Candidate	Pos 1	Pos 2	Pos 3	Pos 4	Pos 5	Total
MICHAEL M. MURPHY	1	2		6	2	11
Art Wilson						0
Don Coleman	2	5		1	1	9
Don Coleman	1	2				3
Sharon Berry	3	7	4	12	5	31
All Others	101	215	82	173	192	763
Blank	108	223	66	182	111	790
Total	219	457	150	454	318	1998

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Precinct	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	VOTER GAST	PERCENTAGE
Precinct 1	1354	84	1440	100	7%
Precinct 2	2042	227	2269	223	6%
Precinct 3	2547	245	2792	16	7%
Precinct 4	2603	227	2830	192	7%
Precinct 5	2734	195	2929	111	8%
Precinct 6	2573	225	2798	106	8%
TOTAL	14653	1229	15882	535	9%

LOCAL TOWN ELECTION

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

JERRY P. GILLES, DIVISIONAL TOWN CLERK



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SEPTEMBER 9TH STATE
PRIMARY

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	27	61	42	60	83	36	309
EDWARD MARNEY*	83	206	124	159	179	117	868
WRITE-INS	1	6	5	3	2	5	22
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

GOVERNOR	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	1	2	1	1	3	1	9
DONALD BEHWICK	11	46	35	37	39	28	196
MARTHA COALEY	49	117	64	94	95	63	482
STEVEN GROSSMAN*	49	107	70	90	127	65	508
WRITE-INS	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

LT GOVERNOR	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	21	54	31	49	70	27	252
LELAND CHEUNG	19	68	39	37	58	28	249
STEPHEN KERRIGAN*	57	107	73	92	99	78	506
MICHAEL LAKE	14	44	27	44	37	25	191
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

ATTORNEY GENERAL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	5	11	8	4	15	5	48
MAURA HEALEY*	55	165	111	126	140	92	689
WARREN TOLMAN	51	96	52	91	109	61	460
WRITE-INS	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

SECRETARY OF STATE	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	21	69	35	64	79	40	308
WILLIAM GALVIN*	90	202	136	157	185	117	887
WRITE-INS	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

TREASURER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	14	25	12	22	29	18	120
THOMAS CONROY	12	67	40	36	43	34	232
BARBY FINEGOLD	33	70	46	75	76	49	349
DEBORAH GOLDBERG*	52	110	73	89	116	57	497
WRITE-INS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

AUDITOR	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	27	88	42	79	111	51	398
SUZANNE BUM*	84	182	128	143	152	106	795
WRITE-INS	0	3	1	0	1	1	6
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

US CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	18	56	35	53	80	36	278
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III*	91	214	134	168	183	121	911
WRITE-INS	2	3	2	1	1	1	10
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264	158	1199

COUNCILOR- 2ND DISTRICT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	35	55	73	30	193		
ROBERT JUBINVILLE	79	107	119	69	374		
BARTIMILTY	57	60	72	58	247		
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	1	1		
TOTAL	171	222	264	158	815		

COUNCILOR- 4TH DISTRICT	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	35	93					128
CHRISTOPHER IANELLA*	76	180					256
WRITE-INS	0	0					0
TOTAL	111	273					384

SENATOR- 2ND PLYMOUTH/BRISTOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	24	64					88
THOMAS KENNEDY*	87	207					294
WRITE-INS	0	2					2
TOTAL	111	273					384

SENATOR- NOR./PLY./BRIS	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	38	63					101
BRIAN A. JOYCE*	132	159					291
WRITE-INS	1	0					1
TOTAL	171	222					393

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 11TH PLYMOUTH	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	17	52	36	57	85		247
CLAIRE CROHN*	94	220	135	165	179		793
WRITE-INS	0	1	0	0	0		1
TOTAL	111	273	171	222	264		1041

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 3RD BRISTOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS							135
WRITE-INS							18
KEAVIN DUFFY							5
TOTAL							158

	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS		34	94	47		88	107	423
C. SAMUEL SUTTER*		75	179	123		134	157	533
WRITE-INS		2		1		0	2	5
TOTAL		111	273	171		222	264	1199
	REGISTRAR OF PROBATE	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS		33	97	47		89	120	441
GINA DEROSI*		78	176	123		133	144	756
WRITE-INS		0	0	1		0	0	2
TOTAL		111	273	171		222	264	1199
	TREASURER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS		32	101	48		94	124	454
CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS*		79	172	122		128	140	743
WRITE-INS		0	0	1		0	1	2
TOTAL		111	273	171		222	264	1199
	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS		25	88	44		74	100	367
DANIEL DERMODY		55	119	83		81	111	533
JOHN SAUNDERS		31	66	44		67	37	298
WRITE-INS		0	0	0		0	1	1
TOTAL		111	273	171		222	264	1199
	PRECINCT	ACTIVE VOTERS	INACTIVE VOTERS	TOTAL	DEMOCRAT	BALLOTS CAST	PERCENTAGE	
Precinct 1		1330	134	1464		111	7.58%	
Precinct 2		2669	234	2903		273	9.40%	
Precinct 3		2522	289	2811		171	6.08%	
Precinct 4		2631	215	2846		222	7.80%	
Precinct 5		2724	199	2923		284	9.03%	
Precinct 6		2561	265	2826		158	5.59%	
TOTAL		14437	1336	15773		1199	7.60%	
	PRECINCT POLITICAL MAKEUP AS OF 08/20/2014	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	UNENROLLED	OTHER	TOTAL		
Precinct 1		375	276	806	7	1464		
Precinct 2		728	456	1709	10	2903		
Precinct 3		712	431	1658	10	2811		
Precinct 4		713	486	1636	11	2846		
Precinct 5		817	407	1690	9	2923		
Precinct 6		704	490	1617	15	2826		
TOTAL		4049	2546	9116	62	15773		

*=PRIMARY WINNER

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TOWN CLERK

SENATOR 29 CONGRESS						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	18	35	20	34	26	143
BRIAN J. HERR*	36	54	74	67	47	344
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	2	0	3
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

GOVERNOR						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	0	0	1	0	0	1
CHARLES BAKER*	36	75	54	83	59	357
MARK FRIER	18	26	20	27	34	138
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

LT. GOVERNOR						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	12	27	20	31	17	123
KARIN POLITO*	42	74	53	79	76	371
WRITE-INS	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

ATTORNEY GENERAL						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	15	32	18	36	20	139
JOHN MILLER*	39	69	55	73	73	354
WRITE-INS	0	0	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

SECRETARY OF STATE						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	17	32	23	35	23	149
DAVID D'AMONICO*	37	69	52	74	70	346
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

TREASURER						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	17	32	20	38	21	146
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN*	37	69	54	71	71	348
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	1	0	2
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

AUDITOR						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	17	34	25	37	23	157
PATRICIA ST. ALBIN*	37	67	49	72	69	346
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	1	0	3
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

US CONGRESS 4TH DISTRICT						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	50	89	61	99	82	435
WRITE-INS	4	12	14	11	9	61
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

CONCILIATOR 2ND DISTRICT						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	65	103	82	57	307	
WRITE-INS	10	7	11	6	34	
TOTAL	75	110	93	63	341	

CONCILIATOR 4TH DISTRICT						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	52	94				146
WRITE-INS	2	7				9
TOTAL	54	101				155

SENATOR 2ND PLYMOUTH/BRISTOL						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	18	41				59
VIOLE REYSON*	36	60				96
WRITE-INS	0	0				0
TOTAL	54	101				155

SENATOR NOR./PLY/BRIS						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	67	101	84	58	310	
WRITE-INS	8	9	9	5	31	
TOTAL	75	110	93	63	341	

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 11TH PLYMOUTH						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	51	90	67	102	84	394
WRITE-INS	3	11	8	8	9	39
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	433

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 2ND BRISTOL						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	52	97	68	104	86	507
SHANNA O'CONNELL*	2	4	7	6	7	26
WRITE-INS	2	4	7	6	7	26
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

DISTRICT ATTORNEY						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	52	97	68	104	86	507
WRITE-INS	2	4	7	6	7	26
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

RECORDS OF PROBATE						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	52	97	68	104	86	507
WRITE-INS	2	4	7	6	7	26
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

TREASURER						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
BLANKS	52	97	68	104	86	507
WRITE-INS	2	4	7	6	7	26
TOTAL	54	101	75	110	93	496

COUNTY COMMISSIONER						
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL
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WRITE-INS	2	4	7	6	7	26
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NOVEMBER 4TH STATE
ELECTION

SENATOR III CONGRESS												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	36	78	52	71	70	45	354	BLANKS	446	706	433	332
EDWARD MARRERY	353	782	650	778	829	626	3966	ROBERT FURNIVALL*	823	880	957	816
BRADLEY HERR	414	680	599	793	708	396	3966	WRITE-INS	20	34	18	17
WRITE-INS	3	3	2	0	5	3	14	TOTAL	1303	1507	1612	1386
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242					
GOVERNOR												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	8	19	12	16	18	8	81	BLANKS	360	715	420	405
BAKER & POLITO	513	894	781	996	958	850	4866	CHRISTOPHER IANIELLA	340	443	443	443
COADLEY & KERRIGAN	758	558	475	525	574	483	2872	JASON CROSBY	243	443	443	443
LEITCH & LEWINNS	15	44	37	37	40	35	206	JOE DREYER	34	83	83	83
PAUL & SUNDHUS	7	17	14	13	15	4	76	WRITE-INS	3	3	3	3
MCCOY & FORD	4	6	0	0	0	0	10	TOTAL	826	1543		
WRITE-INS	1	6	0	0	0	0	8					
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242					
ATTORNEY GENERAL												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	35	85	60	87	84	45	386	BLANKS	413	668	420	397
DEWITT	386	792	662	752	849	640	4065	THOMAS KENNEDY	320	517	517	517
ZONH MILLER	426	585	585	751	675	627	3775	VICIA AYERSON	1	1	1	1
WRITE-INS	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	WRITE-INS	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242	TOTAL	806	1543		
SECRETARY OF STATE												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	40	91	48	88	84	47	388	BLANKS	387	576	576	576
DEAN CALVIN	327	572	782	859	967	754	4713	BRUNJA L MOYCE*	896	991	1074	917
DAVID D'AMANGELO	323	38	23	41	40	4	588	WRITE-INS	22	27	15	20
DANIEL FACTOR	14	1	1	0	1	1	5	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
WRITE-INS	1	1	1	0	0	0	4					
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242					
TREASURER												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	44	48	75	118	109	69	544	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
DEBORAH GONJUREG	327	568	568	781	727	574	3872	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
MICHAEL HEFFERNAN	418	216	628	781	727	574	3872	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
DAN JACKSON	11	40	33	47	33	38	242	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
WRITE-INS	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242					
ALDRMAN												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	64	154	106	141	127	72	644	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
SUZANNE BLUMP	332	696	605	652	713	598	3856	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
PATRICK SAINT RUBIN	393	631	554	733	665	654	3850	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
KIM BRILLICE	12	41	42	46	40	38	219	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
WRITE-INS	1	1	2	0	1	2	7	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242					
DISTRICT ATTORNEY												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	778	474	378	531	481	481	2583	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III*	510	1042	899	1015	1097	912	5475	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
WRITE-INS	18	27	26	46	34	33	188	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
COMMISSIONER 3RD DISTRICT												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	360	715	420	443	443	443	2864	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
CHRISTOPHER IANIELLA	340	443	443	443	443	443	2864	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
JASON CROSBY	243	443	443	443	443	443	2864	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
JOE DREYER	34	83	83	83	83	83	544	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
WRITE-INS	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
TOTAL	826	1543					2489					
COMMISSIONER 4TH DISTRICT												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	360	715	420	443	443	443	2864	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
CHRISTOPHER IANIELLA	340	443	443	443	443	443	2864	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
JASON CROSBY	243	443	443	443	443	443	2864	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
JOE DREYER	34	83	83	83	83	83	544	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
WRITE-INS	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
TOTAL	826	1543					2489					
SENATOR 2ND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	77	137	137	137	137	137	862	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
THOMAS KENNEDY	413	668	668	668	668	668	4000	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
VICIA AYERSON	320	517	517	517	517	517	3141	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
WRITE-INS	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
TOTAL	806	1543					2489	TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386
SENATOR 3RD REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	387	576	576	576	576	576	3563	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
BRUNJA L MOYCE*	896	991	1074	917	887	887	5633	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
WRITE-INS	22	27	27	27	27	27	160	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
TOTAL	1303	1597	1612	1386	1386	1386	8242	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20
COUNTY TREASURER												
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		P1	P2	P3	P4
BLANKS	331	619	469	700	644	549	3112	BLANKS	355	597	453	683
CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS*	468	911	815	872	957	817	4859	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	465	920	817	879
WRITE-INS	7	13	19	21	11	20	91	KEVIN DUFFY	411	54	25	318
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1597	1612	1386	8242	WRITE-INS	20	20	20	20

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
JOHN THOMAS SAUNDERS*	246	644	471	714	653	540	3388		
WRITE-INS	454	888	812	859	945	808	4765		
TOTAL	6	11	20	14	18	18	88		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1617	1386	8242		
RYSC, BROOKTON									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
WYATT MCALLISTER*	290	586	442	652	630	515	3125		
WRITE-INS	512	924	870	845	870	845	5250		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1617	1386	8242		
RYSC, EAST BRIDGEWATER									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
JOSEPH DUTCHER*	295	616	442	685	652	528	3218		
WRITE-INS	509	924	853	899	956	850	5142		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1617	1386	8242		
RYSC, EASTON									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
MICHAEL PIETROWSKI*	289	582	424	638	622	507	3062		
WRITE-INS	514	958	870	943	984	873	5142		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		
RYSC, STOUTINGTON									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
ROBIN CAMERON ZOLT*	313	634	462	694	669	552	3344		
WRITE-INS	490	885	835	889	939	836	4684		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		
RYSC, WEST BRIDGEWATER									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
COLLEEN MALONEY*	316	637	463	691	671	542	3320		
WRITE-INS	487	901	837	882	936	836	4689		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		
QUESTION 1: GAS TAX ROLLBACK									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
YES	26	56	24	46	39	40	231		
NO	468	845	770	911	937	803	4724		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		
QUESTION 2: EXPANSION OF BOTTLE BILL									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
YES	10	25	11	13	10	18	87		
NO	139	329	210	334	290	214	1516		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		
QUESTION 3: CASINOS									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
YES	12	32	10	22	15	19	111		
NO	261	543	384	560	523	444	2659		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1617	1386	8242		
QUESTION 4: LEANED BACK TIME									
BLANK	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	TOTAL		
YES	14	45	15	25	26	28	134		
NO	383	806	699	785	833	725	4241		
TOTAL	806	1543	1303	1592	1612	1386	8242		

*-PRIMARY WINNER

STATE ELECTION

EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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ARTICLE #:	1
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

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ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 2
MOTIONED BY: MURPHY
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE: SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 2. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ for the following:

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account	Conservation Commission	Fees required by Chapter 227, Wetlands Regulations, of the Code of the Town of Easton.	Supplies, services and administrative costs as necessary to aid the Commission in making decisions on conservation applications, or enforcement actions.	\$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Subdivision Review, Special Permit and Inspection Fees Account	Planning & Zoning Board	Fees received from applicants for subdivision or special permit approval for application review.	Services of expert engineers and consultants, related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board; costs and expenses of application review and inspections during construction, the purchase of software; and any other related expenses.	\$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Town Clerk's Record Preservation Fund	Town Clerk	Fees and receipts received from a surcharge applied to all certified vital record copies	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs to aid in the preservation, restoration and documentation of the permanent records of the Town.	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation	Fees and receipts received from recreational programs and activities	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs for the operation of recreational programs and activities for the Town.	\$200,000	Available for expenditure next year
Recreational Field Maintenance Revolving Fund	Recreation	Fees and receipts and donations received in connection with field usage and related activities	Supplies, services, equipment, and related implementation costs for the operation and maintenance of recreational fields for the Town.	\$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Board of Health Vaccination Revolving Fund	Health Dept.	Fees and receipts received from vaccination activities	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs for the purpose of purchasing and administering vaccinations for the Town.	\$10,000	Available for expenditure next year
Board of Health Betterment Fees Revolving Fund	Health Dept.	Fees and receipts received in connection with septic betterment applications	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs for the purpose of administering the Septic Betterment Program for the Town.	\$5,000	Available for expenditure next year
Agricultural Commission Revolving Fund	Agricultural Commission	Fees and receipts received in connection with agricultural programs delivered by the Agricultural Commission	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs for the purpose of delivering agricultural programs in the Town.	\$25,000	Available for expenditure next year

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	\$1,800
Board of Health, each member	\$1,000
Board of Assessors, each member	\$1,800
Moderator	\$ 100

or take any other action relative thereto.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$732,291 to be expended in anticipation of the reimbursement authorized for the State's share of the cost of work to be done under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the Town's annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

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ARTICLE #:	5
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 5. RESCIND PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind \$3,652 of the borrowing authorized under Article 5 of the December 6, 2004 Special Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated to fund the construction of additions to and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Easton Junior High School and the Oliver Ames High School, but no longer needed as the projects are completed, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to rescind \$3,652 of the borrowing authorized under article 5 of the December 6, 2004 Special Town Meeting, said funding originally appropriated to fund the construction of additions to and remodeling, reconstruction and making extraordinary repairs to the Easton Junior High School and the Oliver Ames High School, but no longer needed as the projects are complete.

Explanation: There was a small unused balance of \$3,652 when the junior high and high school projects were completed. This "housekeeping" article will remove the remaining authorization which would otherwise remain on the books indefinitely.

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	FULGINITTI
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 6. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2014 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$173,729 to supplement the following fiscal year 2014 budgets:

Selectmen	\$ 10,000
Police	60,000
Public Safety Dispatch	42,000
DPW Administration	41,729
Maturing Debt & Interest	10,000
Other General Government	10,000
TOTAL	<u>\$173,729</u>

and further, that to meet this appropriation, \$116,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2014 Employee Benefits & Insurance Budget, \$6,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2014 Veterans Budget, \$21,729 shall be transferred from available insurance proceeds, \$20,000 shall be transferred from available mitigation funds and \$10,000 shall be transferred from the Septic Betterments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

Explanation: The Selectmen's budget needs additional funding for the Human Resources Board to conduct a wage & classification study, the Police and Public Safety Dispatch budgets require additional funding for overtime, the DPW budget needs additional funds for overtime expenses reimbursed by insurance proceeds and for engineering costs paid from mitigation funds, the Maturing Debt & Interest budget requires funding for septic loan debt paid from septic betterment receipts and the Other General Government budget requires additional funding for increased mailing costs.

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ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	FULGINITTI
SELECTMEN:	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 7.

Explanation: There are no prior year bills at this time.

ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE #:	8
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 8. FUND SICK LEAVE BUYBACK REQUESTS AS REQUIRED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from free cash to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article will fund the buyback of accumulated sick time for several members of the fire union who have either retired or opted to purchase their time in fiscal 2014 at current rates as opposed to retirement at higher rates as allowed by contract. Fire Union employees hired after July 1, 2007 are not eligible for sick leave buyback.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	9
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 9. APPROPRIATE INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$47,308.05 to purchase replacement technology & music equipment for the Olmsted Richardson Elementary School that was destroyed by water damage, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by School Committee

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$47,308.05 from available insurance proceeds to purchase technology and music equipment for the Olmsted Richardson Elementary School, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: The Olmsted Richardson Elementary School encountered water damage from a burst pipe during the winter. The water damage destroyed some equipment in the music room and computer lab. The Town was insured for this damage and received insurance proceeds to replace the equipment. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 requires an appropriation to spend insurance proceeds in excess of \$20,000.

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ARTICLE #:	10
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITTI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 10. ESTABLISH A STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town of Easton will vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund according to the Massachusetts General Laws c. 71, § 16 G1/2 for the Southeastern Regional Vocation Technical School District.

Submitted by the Southeastern Regional School

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to approve the establishment of a new Stabilization Fund for the Southeastern Regional Vocational School, as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Southeastern Regional School requests the establishment of a Stabilization Fund in order to help address its many capital needs. The fund is recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School business Officials. The request is simply to establish the fund, and the Southeastern Regional School is not requesting funds for FY2015.

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ARTICLE #:	11
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITTI
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 11. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES ACTIVATED INTO MILITARY SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying certain retirement contributions for personnel activated for military duty, or take any other action relative thereto.

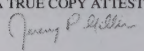
Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,804 from free cash for the purpose of paying certain retirement contributions for personnel activated for military duty.

Explanation: This article funds county retirement contributions on the military share of pay for previously activated personnel to allow for no loss in pension eligibility.

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ARTICLE #: 12
MOTIONED BY: FULGINITI
SECONDED BY: MURPHY
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 12. FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of funds to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	AMOUNT
01.120	SELECTMEN	\$ 350,506
01.131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,500
01.132	RESERVE FUND	60,000
01.135	ACCOUNTANT	203,637
01.140	ASSESSORS	244,076
01.145	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	344,833
01.150	TOWN COUNSEL	140,000
01.155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	187,829
01.160	TOWN CLERK	213,107
01.175	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	268,121
01.210	POLICE	3,853,077
01.211	PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH	588,449
01.220	FIRE	2,995,173
01.231	AMBULANCE	593,127
01.240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	300,512
01.310	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	592,576
01.400	DWM ADMINISTRATION	2,676,089
01.510	BOARD OF HEALTH	225,618
01.541	COUNCIL ON AGING	264,442
01.543	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	347,216
01.610	LIBRARY	478,964
01.630	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	41,950
01.700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,893,861
01.910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	12,109,892
01.920	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	81,900
60.440	SEWER DEPARTMENT	275,000
61.450	WATER DIVISION	2,304,831
62.430	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	1,010,000
01.300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	36,570,137
	TOTAL FY 2015 BUDGET	\$ 72,216,402

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$72,216,402 of which \$66,521,718 shall be raised by taxation, \$1,067,078 shall be transferred from free cash, \$444,200 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, \$6,373 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, \$24,449 shall be transferred from the Septic Returnments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, \$15,000 shall be transferred from Stonehill College Gift Funds, \$2,852,584 shall be transferred from water receipts, \$275,000 shall be transferred from sewer receipts and \$1,010,000 shall be transferred from solid waste & recycling user fees all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2015 as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

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ARTICLE #:	13
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 13. REPORT AND FY 2015 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>
Appropriations	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 61,431
Debt Service	\$323,325
Reserves	
Annual Budgeted Reserve	\$843,864

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, all as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2015 budget for the Community Preservation Committee.

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ARTICLE #:	14
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 14. CPA FUNDING – ELISE CIRCLE PRESERVATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate up to \$200,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding structural preservation work at the Elise Circle elderly housing development, located at Elise Circle and listed on Assessors Map 22U as Lot 131.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding exterior preservation repairs at the Elise Circle elderly housing development, located at Elise Circle and listed on Assessors Map 22U as Lot 131.

Explanation: Elise Circle provides affordable housing to elderly Easton residents. These units, managed by the Easton Housing Authority, count towards the State's 10% affordable housing goal for municipalities. This grant will provide funding for window and siding replacement to preserve the structural integrity of these affordable units.

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ARTICLE #:	15
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 15. CPA FUNDING – FROTHINGHAM PARK RESTORATION- PHASE II

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$57,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of upgrading the children's playground and replace the Park Street fence at Frothingham Park.

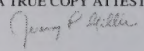
Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$57,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of partially funding certain upgrades to Frothingham Park including upgrading the children's playground and replacing the Park Street fence.

Explanation: This article would partially fund rehabilitation work at Frothingham Park, including upgrading the Children's Playground and replacing the Park Street Fence. Last Year Town Meeting approved \$45,000 for Phase I, which funded renovation of crushed stone pathways, landscaping, drainage improvements and a portion of the playground work.

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ARTICLE #:	16
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 16. CPA FUNDING – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FY15 PROGRAMS

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$325,000 from available Community Preservation Funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$325,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding the Affordable Housing Trust FY15 Programs.

Explanation: This article would fund the Affordable Housing Trust's activities for FY 2015. The Trust works to implement the Affordable Housing Action Plan which provides resources and affordable housing options to low and moderate income residents. FY2015 activities include funding of the Homebuyer Assistance and Home Repair Programs, a Small Development initiative, planning and administration.

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ARTICLE #:	17
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

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ARTICLE 17. CPA FUNDING – AMES FREE LIBRARY RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of restoring the Richardson portion of the Ames Free Library including window and masonry restoration.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding window restoration and wall, stair, and other masonry restoration at the Ames Free Library.

Explanation: This article would fund window restoration and wall, stair, and other masonry restoration to the Richardson building section of the Ames Free Library. Restoration activities would include restoration of the original windows, mortar restoration to the Richardson building, and site wall and stair restoration along the Main Street frontage.

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ARTICLE #:	18
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	FULGINITTI
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 18. CPA FUNDING – WHEATON FARM BARN RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$14,850 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding restoration of the historic Wheaton Farm Barn, located at 520 Bay Road and listed on Assessors Map U16, as lot 141; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey a historic preservation restriction on said property, if required under G.L. c 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the proposed repairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$14,850 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding restoration of the historic barn at the Town-owned Wheaton Farm, located at 520 Bay Road and listed on Assessors Map U16, as lot 141. I further move that the Town authorize the Selectmen to convey a historic preservation restriction on said property.

Explanation: This article would fund the restoration of the Wheaton Farm Barn including structural repairs and barn door and window replacement. The restoration, in combination with other funding and in-kind sources, will allow the barn to be put back into active agricultural use.

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ARTICLE #:	19
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 19. CPA FUNDING – SPRINGHILL ASSOCIATION – WAYSIDE ESTATE BALUSTRADE RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of restoring the historic Wayside Estate Rose Garden Balustrade.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate a sum of \$35,000 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose restoring the Wayside Balustrade.

Explanation: At the 2013 Annual Town Meeting the Town voted to appropriate \$178,900 from available CPA funds for preservation and exterior repairs at the Town Offices. Partial funding for the reconstruction of the Balustrade, a historic feature of the Rose Garden once located on the west side of the property, was included as part of this project. An assessment of the condition of the Town Offices has been completed and indicates funding will likely not be available to repair the Balustrade. This article assures the Balustrade will be repaired by the Springhill Association if funds are not available from the Town Office project.

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MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 20. LAND ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate by transfer from available Community Preservation funds or appropriate by borrowing a sum of money pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, for the purpose of acquiring approximately 146 acres of a 156 acre parcel located off of Depot Street, said land to be restricted for conservation and recreational purposes; and to appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of funds for the acquisition of the remaining 10 acres of said 156 acre parcel, said remaining acreage to be restricted to municipal purposes; and the parcels to be acquired hereunder are more particularly described on a plan on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$5,510,000 for the purpose of acquiring an approximately 156 acre parcel located at 524 Depot Street, shown on Assessor's Map 11R, Lot 13, and that approximately 146 acres of said land shall be restricted for conservation and recreational purposes; and that to fund the purchase of such 146 acres the Town shall appropriate the sum of \$474,357 from Community Preservation Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space, \$736,977 from the Community Preservation FY14 Annual Budgeted Reserve, \$1,368,666 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$2,600,000 and to issue any bonds or notes which may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 44B, §11, or any other enabling legislation; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$330,000 for the acquisition of the remaining 10 acres of said 156 acre parcel, said remaining acreage to be restricted to municipal purposes; and to issue any bonds or notes which may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 44, or any other enabling legislation; and further, that said parcels to be acquired hereunder are more particularly described on a plan on file with the Town Clerk's office and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to accomplish said purpose; and further, to convey all or part of the land to the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey conservation or preservation restrictions as may be required by G.L. c. 44B or otherwise.

Explanation: This purchase has been a top land acquisition priority of the Community Preservation Committee for many years. The purchase price was determined by an appraisal performed on behalf of the Town by a Massachusetts certified appraiser at CBRE New England. The intended use of the property includes 32 acres with frontage on Foundry Street to be set aside for active recreation purposes and 10 acres with frontage on Depot Street to be designated for future municipal use. The remaining 114 acres of upland and wetland, which border the Hockomock Swamp Conservation Area, would be preserved for passive recreation, wildlife habitat and wetlands conservation.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	21
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 21. FY 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2015 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Ambulance - Chest Compression Devices (2)	27,513
Assessing - Vision Upgrade & Field Tablet	12,000
Building - e-Permitting Software	11,700
DPW - GIS Servers	23,000
DPW - Motor Equipment	436,000
DPW - Pavement Management Road Funding	1,500,000
Fire - Vehicles (2)	82,495
Fire - Electronic Patient Care Reporting	11,500
Fire - Protective Clothing & Gear	80,274
Information Technology - Computer Hardware/Software	24,820
Planning - e-Permitting Software	7,900
Police - Fingerprint Scanner	21,000
Police - Cruisers (2)	70,000
School - Fire Alarm Control Panel (HHR/FLO)	26,700
School - Technology	174,800
School Special Education Van	47,000
Selectmen e-Permitting Software	16,200
Water - Purchase Fire Hydrants (25)	50,000
Water - Water Main Replacement Program	200,000
	<u>2,822,902</u>

Submitted by Town Administrator

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,822,902 for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2015 as listed in the warrant under Article 21, and that to meet this appropriation, \$136,227 shall be transferred from the FY14 Maturing Debt and Interest budget, \$7,900 shall be transferred from the Planning Board Subdivision Review, Special Permit & Inspection Fees \$3E 1/2 Revolving Fund, \$23,103 shall be transferred from available National Grid Incentive Funds, \$86,763 shall be transferred from available FEMA funds, \$220,414 shall be transferred from Ames Funds, \$50,000 shall be transferred from water surplus, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$2,298,495 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out these projects on behalf of or in the name of the Town.

Explanation: This is the annual capital budget for the Town. Funding sources are borrowing and available funds as indicated in the Town Administrator's Capital Budget Handout.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	22
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 22. SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Health

Motion: I move that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c.111, s.127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to continue its betterment program through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. The program assists Homeowners with upgrading failed septic systems by providing low interest betterment loans. To date the program has helped finance the replacement of over 40 failing septic systems. Passage of this article will allow for continued and seamless continuation of the program.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	23
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	NOT RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	ON A VOTE OF 52 YEA AND 92 NAY, THE ARTICLE IS LOST

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ARTICLE 23. CHARTER AMENDMENTS REGARDING CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation amending the Town of Easton Charter.
Such Legislation to read as follows:*

AN ACT AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON TOWN CHARTER

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Town of Easton by and through its Board of Selectmen, approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Easton Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

The following amendments shall be made to the Town of Easton Charter:

The first sentence of Section 6-6, Capital Improvement Program, which currently reads:

"The town administrator shall submit a capital improvement program to the board of selectmen and the finance committee at least one hundred fifty (150) days before the start of each fiscal year."

shall be amended to read as follows:

"The town administrator shall submit a capital improvement program to the board of selectmen and the finance committee at least one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of each fiscal year."

The first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 6-8, Capital Improvement Program, which currently reads:
Finance Committee appointed by and from it, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board
appointed by and from it and four additional members to be appointed by the Moderator"

Shall be amended to read as follows:
Finance Committee appointed by and from it, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board
appointed by and from it, one member of the Planning and Zoning Board
additional members to be appointed by the Moderator"
Accountant, ex officio, one member of the Town Board appointed by and from the School Committee, and two

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to petition for a Special Act Charter Amendment, as printed and described under Article 23 in the warrant.

Explanation: This article would make changes to the Charter of the Town with respect to the Capital Planning Committee. The Capital Committee is an appointed committee and would remain so except that the Moderator's appointments would be reduced from four to two in order that the Board of Selectmen and School Committee are represented while keeping the total number of members at seven. Finally, the deadline for the submission of the annual capital improvement program would be changed to match the deadline for submission of the annual operating budget.

ON A VOTE OF 52 YEA AND 92 NAY, THE ARTICLE IS LOST

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ARTICLE #:	24
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	COUNTED VOTE 79 IN FAVOR, 65 OPPOSED. ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 24. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in their obligation as the local licensing authority, to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Town of Easton, in a form substantially as follows:

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1.

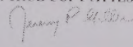
- (a) Whereas, the Town of Easton has determined that the promotion of economic development in the North Easton Village Tax Increment Financing District as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development on April 12, 2012 is of critical importance to the revitalization of said district and the Town. The development of a balanced mix of commercial and residential uses is vital to this district. The addition of an establishment to purchase, beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages will be beneficial to the said district.
- (b) Accordingly, per the terms hereof, the licensing authority of the Town of Easton, notwithstanding the maximum number of licenses granted pursuant to section 17 of Chapter 136 of the General Laws, may grant 1 additional license above said maximum amount for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, under section 15 of said Chapter 138.
- (c) Said license shall only be granted to an establishment located in the downtown area of the Town of Easton known as the North Easton Village, as defined by the aforementioned Tax Increment Financing Plan known as the North Easton Village Tax Increment Financing District, as approved on April 12, 2012, as amended from time to time. A license issued pursuant to this act shall be subject to Chapter 138, excepting only section 17.
- (d) The licensing authority of the Town of Easton shall not approve the transfer of a license granted under this section to any other person, partnership, corporation, LLC, organization, or any other entity: (i) for a period of 3 years from the date of original issuance or 3 years from the date of enactment of this legislation, whichever is later; and (ii) to a location outside of the North Easton Village. A license issued pursuant to the authority of this act shall be clearly marked North Easton Village License Only and nontransferable on the face of the license.
- (e) If a license granted under this section is revoked, surrendered, or should any transfer of the license occur in violation of this act, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights and privileges pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority of the Town of Easton. The licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant only at a location within the North Easton Village under the same conditions as specified in this act, provided further that no license shall be re-issued for use in the same location within 6 months from the date that the prior license was revoked or terminated, unless the applicant files a letter in writing from the Department of Revenue with the licensing authority of the Town of Easton indicating that the license at issue is in good standing with the Department of Revenue and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.
- (f) This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to petition for a Special Act of the Legislature for an additional liquor license, as printed and described under Article 24 in the warrant. ARTICLE PASSES ON A COUNTED VOTE OF 79 IN FAVOR, 65 OPPOSED.

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ARTICLE #:	25
MOTIONED BY:	TONY PIRES
SECONDED BY:	FLOOR
SELECTMEN:	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	NOT RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	MODERATOR GALAS DECLARES ARTICLE LOST

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ARTICLE 25. SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL WATER CHARGE AND TRANSFER TO SPECIAL SEWERAGE REVENUE FUND
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for enactment of a Home Rule Special Act and to request the Town's representatives to the General Court to introduce a Special Act as set forth below, and further to authorize the General Court, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to make constructive changes in language as may be necessary or advisable towards perfecting the intent of this legislation.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SURCHARGES ON WATER RATE CHARGES IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. *Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purposes of raising funds for the completion of projects that will enhance and protect the public water supply in the Town of Easton, the Easton Board of Selectmen, acting as the Town's Water Commission, shall be permitted, on an annual basis, to impose an additional charge not exceeding 25% of then current underlying rate for users of the public water supply. The imposition of such charge shall be made on or before the first day of October in any fiscal year.*

SECTION 2. *Any funds raised by imposition of such additional charge shall be annually transferred by action of the Town Accountant, into a special revenue fund for the limited purpose of paying costs and expenses for projects or services that will enhance and protect the Town's public water supply. Such expenditures are subject to further appropriation of Town Meeting.*

SECTION 2. *The Town of Easton's Board of Selectmen, acting as the Town's Water Commissioners, may adopt regulations to facilitate the administration of this Act;*

SECTION 3. *This Act shall take effect on passage*

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Explanation: This article was submitted at the request of a group of residents and would create a special revenue fund for the purpose of protecting drinking water wells. If approved by Town Meeting and the Massachusetts Legislature the Selectmen would be authorized to assess a surcharge on water rates. Funds raised could be used, with the approval of Town Meeting, for any purpose deemed to enhance and protect the town's public water supply. This could include, for example, sewer construction, land acquisition, and well development.

MODERATOR GALAS DECLARES ARTICLE LOST

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ARTICLE #:	26
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITTI
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 26. AMEND TOWN CODE CHAPTER 11 (CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING) TO AGREE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 11 of the Town Code by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown with a ~~strike through~~, and inserting the text shown in italics:

§ 11-3. Requirement for Written Contracts. [Added 5-15-2006 ATM by Art. 18]

Written contracts shall be required for all purchases of supplies and services in ~~amounts of \$5,000 or more~~ *accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30B §17.*

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to Amend Chapter 11 of the Town's General Bylaws, as printed under Article 26 in the warrant.

Explanation: This article amends to the Town Code to reflect recent changes to MGL Chapter 30B (Uniform Procurement Act) enacted by the legislature which increased the dollar threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 effective July 1, 2013.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE #:	27
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITTI
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 27. ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MGL. CHAPTER 60A, SECTION 1

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 60A, Section 1, Paragraphs 6 & 8, exempting from motor vehicle excise tax qualifying active and full time military members or veterans with qualifying disabilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town accept the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 60A of the General Laws, as printed under Article 27 in the warrant.

Explanation: Acceptance of these sections would exempt annual excise tax for former prisoners of war, their surviving spouses and active and full time military service members stationed outside the US for at least 45 days. This acceptance shall take effect on January 1 of next year.

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ARTICLE #:	28
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITTI
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 28. PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR WIDENING AT 138/123 INTERSECTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following permanent easements depicted on a plan entitled Easton Preliminary Right of Way Plan- 123/138 Intersection- dated May 1, 2014, prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02786, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

Plan Parcel	Map	Lot	Address	Square Feet (+/-)	Easement Purpose
Parcel 4.C	33U	105	555 Washington Street	430 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 5.C	33U	104	547 Washington Street	142 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 9.C	33U	4	533 Washington Street	274 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 10.C	33U	1	10 Roosevelt Circle	12 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 11.C	33U	35A	574 Washington Street	1,015 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 12.C	33U	36	566 Washington Street	1,770 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 13.C	33U	37	2 Belmont Street	918 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 14.C	28U	50	518 Washington Street	61 s.f.	Road Alteration
Parcel 4.E.1	33U	105	555 Washington Street	2,505 s.f.	Traffic Signal
Parcel 5.E.1	33U	104	547 Washington Street	1,677 s.f.	Traffic Signal

Or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the permanent easements as printed in the warrant under Article 28 and on a plan entitled Easton Preliminary Right of Way Plan- 123/138 Intersection- dated May 2, 2014, prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02786, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate the sum of \$37,356.00 from available MassWorks grant funds and/or developer mitigation funds to accomplish the same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking.

Explanation: The Easements listed above are necessary to complete improvements to the intersection of Routes 123 and 138. The Commonwealth will be reimbursing the Town for the work through a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant. The developer of Queset Commons, Doug King Builders, will pay for the balance of work as called for in the Development Agreement with the Town amended August 26, 2013.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 29
MOTIONED BY: SMITH
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
ARTICLE PASSES,

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2014

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

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ARTICLE 29. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR WIDENING AT 138/123 INTERSECTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the following temporary easements depicted as temporary easements on a plan entitled Easton Preliminary Right of Way Plan- 123/138 Intersected dated May 1, 2014, prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, sufficient funds to accomplish same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking:

Plan Parcel	Map	Lot	Address	Square Feet (+/-)
Parcel 1 TE-1	330f	12	573 Washington Street	375 s.f.
Parcel 3 TE-1	330f	11	599 Washington Street	1,818 s.f.
Parcel 4 TE-1	330f	105	555 Washington Street	503 s.f.
Parcel 5 TE-1	330f	104	547 Washington Street	1,122 s.f.
Parcel 6 TE-1	330f	7	18 Roosevelt Circle	569 s.f.
Parcel 7 TE-1	330f	6	541 Washington Street	518 s.f.
Parcel 8 TE-1	330f	5	11 Roosevelt Circle	375 s.f.
Parcel 9 TE-1	330f	4	533 Washington Street	1,725 s.f.
Parcel 10 TE-1	330f	1	10 Roosevelt Circle	1,724 s.f.
Parcel 11 TE-1	330f	85A	574 Washington Street	3,488 s.f.
Parcel 12 TE-1	330f	86	566 Washington Street	4,970 s.f.
Parcel 13 TE-1	330f	87	2 Belmont Street	1,968 s.f.
Parcel 13 TE-2	330f	87	2 Belmont Street	861 s.f.
Parcel 14 TE-1	260f	50	518 Washington Street	1,524 s.f.
Parcel 14 TE-2	260f	50	518 Washington Street	145 s.f.
Parcel 15 TE-1	330f	89	9 Belmont Street	463 s.f.
Parcel 16 TE-1	330f	88	16 Belmont Street	628 s.f.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the temporary easements depicted as temporary easements as printed in the warrant under Article 29 and on a plan entitled Easton Preliminary Right of Way Plan- 123/138 Intersected dated May 2, 2014, prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, and on file in the Town Clerk's Office and further to appropriate the sum of \$22,985 from available MassWorks grant funds and/or developer mitigation funds to accomplish the same and to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this purchase and/or taking.

Explanation: The Easements listed above are necessary to complete improvements to the intersection of Routes 123 and 138. The Commonwealth will be reimbursing the Town for the work through a \$1,000,000 MassWorks grant. The developer of Queset Commons, Doug King Builders, will pay for the balance of work as called for in the Development Agreement with the Town amended August 26, 2013.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

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MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 30
MOTIONED BY: SMITH
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOT RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 30. ZONING AMENDMENT-DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 21, 2012, by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown with a ~~strike through~~, and inserting the text shown in *italics*:

DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS TABLE

Zoning District	Min. Lot Size in Sq. Ft.	Continuous Min. Lot Frontage in Lin. Ft.	Min. Yard Depth in Feet	Min. Lot Depth in Ft.	Max. Bldg. Hgt. in Ft.	Max. % of Lot Coverage by Structure	Max. # of Stories Above Grade
			Front (1)	Rear	Side		
Residential B	40,000	100	25	20	15	100	3
Residential C - R (1)	40,000	100	25	20	15	100	3
Business B	40,000	100	40	20	15	100	3
Business Neighborhood	40,000	100	40	20	15	100	3
Industrial I	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Manufacturing	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Office	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Public	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Religious	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Service	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Special	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3
Unincorporated	40,000	100	80	40	20	100	3

Notes:
(1) These are notes for amendments and are not to be construed as separate laws.
(2) On lots abutting streets on more than one side, the front yard requirements shall apply to each of the abutting streets.
(3) These height restrictions shall not apply to chimneys, water towers, skylights and other necessary features appurtenant to buildings which are actually carried above roofs and are not used for human occupancy.
(4) Deleted is an entry at Advanced Annual Town Meeting April 8, 1985.
(5) This restriction does not apply to above ground swimming pools.
(6) Agreements - See Section 107 for requirements.
(7) No restrictions.
(8) Powers from the Planning & Zoning Board.
(9) No industry which produces dust, fumes, smoke, odors, noise, or pollutants of any type shall in the future be constructed or placed on a parcel of land in the industrial area within five hundred (500) feet of any church, school or dwelling, existing or in the process of being erected at the time of adoption of this by-law.
(10) Where present buildings on adjoining lots are less than twenty-five (25) feet from the front lot line, new buildings may be placed on near the way as the average of the buildings on said adjoining lots. A second lot shall, for this purpose, be treated as an occupied lot by a building on both lots (125) feet.
(11) Deleted Special Town Meeting 1/22/08
(12) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each RESIDENTIAL LOT shall have 100 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot line of the minimum front yard depth of 100 feet for residential lots.
(13) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each BUSINESS LOT shall have 100 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot line of the minimum front yard depth of 100 feet for business lots.
(14) Continuous minimum Lot Width shall require that each INDUSTRIAL LOT shall have 100 feet of frontage width, and at least 100 feet of horizontal distance between the side lot line of the minimum front yard depth of 100 feet for industrial lots.
(15) Height:
One (1) foot may be added to the Maximum Building Heights for each additional foot by which (i) the front setback exceeds the maximum front setback distance; or (ii) the rearward side setback exceeds the maximum side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the greatest; provided the height shall not in any case exceed thirty-five (35) feet.
In situations where a building is situated in its corner to a property line one (1) foot shall be deducted from the Maximum Allowable Building Height for each foot by which (i) the front setback is less than the minimum front setback distance or (ii) the rearward side setback is less than the minimum side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the greatest. This reduction in Maximum Height shall apply only in the portions of the building that encroach the space between the property line and the corresponding setback line.
In situations where a building has a walk out basement located on the rear wall the grade plane shall be calculated using the mean grade from all front and side walls.
(16) Maximum front yard depth of less than 50 feet may be granted by Special Permit by the Planning and Zoning Board. Waiver of this maximum requirement will only be granted when the applicant demonstrates the proposed front yard depth is consistent with good and consistent planning practice, clearly matches the setbacks of the surrounding area and will not have a negative impact on adjacent properties.
Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by:

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 6.3 of the Zoning Bylaw as printed and described in the warrant under Article 30.

Explanation: This article increases the maximum allowable building height in Business and Industrial Zones and reduces the maximum Business Zone setbacks in order to encourage economic development in these areas and meet current building code requirements. The new height limits would go from 35 to 40 feet in Business Zones and from 40 to 50 feet in Industrial Zones. Business Zone setbacks would be reduced from 70 feet to 50 feet and the Planning and Zoning Board could allow for smaller setbacks in the future.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P. Gillis

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #: 31
MOTIONED BY: SMITH
SECONDED BY: CORONA
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE
PASSES.

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ARTICLE 31. ZONING AMENDMENT: CHANGE OF PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR DUPLEXES

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 20, 2013, by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown with a ~~strike through~~, and inserting the text shown in italics:

§5-3 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

R - Residential, R1 - Residential 1, B - Business, BN - Business Neighborhood, I - Industrial, E - Eleemosynary, F - Flood Plain, and M - Municipal or Open Space. SP (ZBA) - Special Permit/Zoning Board of Appeals, SP (PZB) - Special Permit/Planning & Zoning Board

	EASTON ZONING DISTRICTS							
	R	R1	B	BN	I	E	F	M
PRINCIPAL USES								
A. Residential Uses								
1. Detached dwelling on a separate lot occupied by not more than one family	Y	Y	Y	SP (ZBA)	N	SP (ZBA)	SP (ZBA)	N
2. One 2-family or one duplex dwelling on a separate lot	SP (ZBA) (PZB)	SP (ZBA) (PZB)	SP (ZBA) (PZB)	N	N	N	SP (ZBA) (PZB)	N
4. Apartments (See Sec. VII)	N	N	Y	N	N	N	SP	N

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 5-3 Table of Use Regulations as described in the Warrant under Article 31.

Explanation: The current Zoning Bylaw identifies the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) as the Special Permit Granting Authority for duplex and two-family homes. The ZBA is charged with viewing permits from a legal perspective, as opposed to the broader planning perspective afforded to the Planning and Zoning Board. This Bylaw change would make the Planning Board the Special Permit Granting Authority for duplexes and two-family homes in order to stipulate that the location of such structures is a planning issue, as opposed to a purely legal one.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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ARTICLE #:	32
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 32. ZONING AMENDMENT: MEDICAL MARIJUANA OVERLAY ZONE

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 20, 2013, by making the following changes thereto, by inserting the text shown in italics:

\$7-20 MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS

A. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is provide for the placement of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs), consistent with the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana Act, G.L. c.94C, App. §1-1, et seq., in locations suitable for lawful medical marijuana facilities; and to mitigate adverse impacts of MMTCs on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, historic districts, schools, playgrounds and other locations where minors congregate by regulating the siting, design, placement, security, and removal of MMTCs.

B. Definitions

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center: A not-for-profit entity, as defined by Massachusetts law only, registered under applicable Massachusetts law, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers

Medical Use of Marijuana: The acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfer, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, for the benefit of qualifying patients in the treatment of debilitating medical conditions, or the symptoms thereof. as may be further defined under Massachusetts law.

C. Overlay District

Establishment: The Medical Marijuana Dispensary Overlay District, hereinafter referred to as the "MMOD", is an overlay district that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts, as shown on the Zoning Map and as set forth on the map entitled "Medical Marijuana Dispensary Overlay District," dated May 19, 2014 attached hereto as Appendix B. This map is hereby made a part of the Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. The MMOD shall not limit, preclude or otherwise affect any uses that are permitted in the underlying zoning district.

D. General Requirements for all Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers

MMTCs may be permitted in the MMOD only pursuant to a Special Permit. The Planning and Zoning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for a MMTC special permit.

1. Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana Act. G.L. c.94C, App. §1-1, et seq.

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2. Location

a. MMTCs may not be located within 500 feet of the following:

- (1) School, including a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a public or private college, junior college, or university;
- (2) Child Care Facility or Day Care Center;
- (3) Library;
- (4) Playground;
- (5) Public Park;
- (6) Youth and/or recreation center;
- (7) Public swimming pool;
- (8) Similar facility in which minors commonly congregate including but not limited to a place of worship; dance, arts or martial arts studio; or tutoring center.

b. MMTCs may not be located within 1000 feet of another MMTC.

The distance under sections D.2.a-b is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the protected uses in Section D.2.a to the nearest point of the property line of the proposed MMTC.

c. MMTCs may not be located within 200 feet of an existing, legal residential use.

The distance under this section D.2.c is measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the legal residential building to the nearest point of the proposed MMTC building.

E. Site Plan Review

Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers shall undergo Site Plan Review in accordance with Section 7-10 of this bylaw by the Planning Board prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this Section and shall also meet the requirements of this section. The Application for Site Plan Review shall be submitted with the Application for Special Permit.

Additional Required Documents

In addition to the materials required under Section 7-10 of this bylaw, the applicant shall include:

1. A copy of its registration as an MMTC from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH");
2. A detailed floor plan of the premises of the proposed MMTC that identifies the square footage available and describes the functional areas of the MMTC, including areas for any preparation of MIPs;
3. Design and appearance of proposed buildings, structures, freestanding signs, screening and landscaping; and
4. A description of the security measures, including employee security policies, approved by DPH for the MMTC;
5. A copy of the emergency procedures approved by DPH for the MMTC;
6. A copy of the policies and procedures for patient or personal caregiver home delivery approved by DPH for the RMD;
7. A copy of the policies and procedures for the transfer, acquisition, or sale of marijuana between RMDs approved by DPH;
8. A copy of proposed waste disposal procedures; and
9. A description of any waivers from DPH regulations issued for the RMD.

F. Special Permit Conditions on MMTCs:

The Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall impose conditions reasonably appropriate to improve site design, traffic flow, public safety, protect water quality, air quality, and significant environmental resources, preserve the character of the surrounding area and otherwise serve the purpose of this section. In addition to any specific conditions applicable to the applicant's MMTC, the Planning Board shall include the following conditions in any special permit granted under this Bylaw:

1. Hours of Operation, including dispatch of home deliveries.
2. The permit holder shall file a copy of any Incident Report required under 105 CMR 725.110(F) with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board within 24 hours of creation.
3. The permit holder shall file a copy of any summary cease and desist order, cease and desist order, quarantine order, summary suspension order, order limiting sales, notice of a hearing, or final action issued by DPH or the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, as applicable, regarding the MMTC with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning Board within 48 hours of its receipt.

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4. The permit holder shall provide to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Chief of the Police Department, the name, telephone number and electronic mail address of a contact person in the event that such person needs to be contacted after regular business hours to address an urgent issue. Such contact information shall be kept updated by the permit holder.
 5. The special permit shall be limited to the current applicant and shall lapse if the permit holder ceases operating the MMTC.
 6. The special permit shall lapse upon the expiration or termination of the applicant's registration by DPH.
 7. The permit holder shall notify the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning Board in writing within 48 hours of the cessation of operation of the RMD or the expiration or termination of the permit holder's registration with DPH.
- Or take any other action with relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

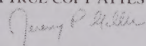
Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to add Section 7-20 to the Easton Zoning Bylaw as described in the warrant under Article 32.

Explanation: The purpose of this bylaw is to provide for the placement of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs) consistent with the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana Act in suitable locations, and to mitigate adverse impacts of MMTCs on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, historic districts, schools, playgrounds and other locations where minors congregate.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



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MEETING DATE: May 19, 2014

MEETING TYPE: Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE #:	33
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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ARTICLE 33. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 21, 2012, to add a Medical Marijuana Overlay Zone or take any other action relative thereto. The Map is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Easton Zoning Map to add the Medical Marijuana overlay district as in the revised map, dated May 19, 2014 and on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Explanation: This map amendment would add the Medical Marijuana Overlay Zone to the current zoning map.

DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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MEETING DATE: November 17, 2014

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE #: 1
MOTIONED BY: MURPHY
SECONDED BY: SMITH
SELECTMEN: RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:
REQUIRED VOTE: 2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION: DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
ARTICLE PASSES.

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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ARTICLE 1. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$250,000 to be placed into the Stabilization Fund.

Explanation: This transfers a portion of free cash and is proposed as part of the on-going goal to build up reserves.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	2
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2014

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

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ARTICLE 2. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2015 departmental budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$68,863 to supplement the following fiscal year 2015 budgets: Police \$55,208, Information Technology \$9,655, School Department \$4,000; and that to meet this appropriation, \$26,000 be transferred from free cash, \$7,056 shall be transferred from available funds received from the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, \$26,152 be transferred from available insurance proceeds and \$9,655 be transferred from Smart Growth Incentive funds received from the State.

Explanation: This article adjusts the FY15 budgets for several departments which require additional funding. The police department requires additional funding for overtime costs and replacement of a damaged cruiser information technology requires additional funding to make repairs to the Town's fiber optic network infrastructure and the school department requires additional funding for website upgrades.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	3
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
	ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 3. REPLENISHMENT OF FUNDS TO THE CONSERVATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer available funds in the amount of \$10,304.85 received as a grant from the State's Trail Management Grant Program into the Conservation Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer 10,304.85 received from the State's Trail Management Grant Program into the Conservation Fund.

Explanation: The Town of Easton received a \$10,304.85 reimbursement grant from the State through the Recreational Trail Grant Program to extend and improve the trail system at the Clifford G. Grant Management Area. The project was funded with Conservation Trust funds. This Article asks the Town to vote to use the grant reimbursement to replenish the Conservation Trust funds used to conduct the survey

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ARTICLE #:	4
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 4. REPLENISHMENT OF CPA FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer available funds in the amount of \$10,000 received as a grant from the State's Survey and Planning Grant Program into the Community Preservation Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 received from the State's Survey and Planning Grant Program into the Community Preservation Fund.

Explanation: The Town of Easton received a \$10,000 reimbursement grant from the State through Massachusetts Historical Commission's Survey & Planning Grant program, as partial reimbursement for the third phase of historic resource survey and documentation work. The project was funded with CPA funds. This Article asks the Town to vote to use the grant reimbursement to replenish the CPA funds used to conduct the historic resources survey and documentation project.

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ARTICLE #:	5
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
	ARTICLE PASSES,

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ARTICLE 5. PURCHASE COPIER FOR TOWN HALL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for purchase a new copy machine for use at the Easton Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of a new copy machine for use at the Easton Town Offices.

Explanation: The existing copy machine is over 8 years old and needs frequent repairs. New parts are no longer available and must be salvaged from other machines. A new copier will also provide scanning and printing capabilities which are not available on the current model.

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ARTICLE #:	6
MOTIONED BY:	CORONA
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 6. AUTHORIZATION FOR FIVE YEAR SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into up to a five year contract for school bus transportation services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by School Committee

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into up to a five year contract for school bus transportation services.

Explanation: The current School Department bus contract is a three year contract that expires on 6/30/15. The School Committee will be seeking new bids for a three year contract this fiscal year and would like explore the potential for further cost savings by including renewal options for up to two additional years. Town meeting approval is required for contracts longer than three years.

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ARTICLE #:	7
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 7. AUTHORIZATION FOR FIVE YEAR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ATHLETIC TRAINER CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into up to a five year contract for athletic training services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by School Committee

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that Town vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into up to a five year contract for athletic training services.

Explanation: The current School Department athletic trainer contract expires on 6/30/15. The School Committee will be seeking new bids for a three year contract this fiscal year and would like explore the potential for further cost savings by including renewal options for up to two additional years. Town meeting approval is required for contracts longer than three years.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	8
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	SIMPLE MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 8. SUPPLEMENT FY2015 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum of \$102,400 to supplement the following capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2015 as listed below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Department / Capital Item	Amount
Board of Health e-Permitting Software/Equipment	\$ 15,500
Clerk - e-Permitting Software	6,500
Fire - e-Permitting Software	8,900
Police - e-Permitting Software	1,500
Police - Tasers and Departmental Equipment	70,000
Total	<u>\$ 102,400</u>

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: *I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$102,400 by transfer from Smart Growth Incentive funds received from the State to supplement the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2015 as printed in Article 8 of the warrant.*

Explanation: This supplemental article funds capital items included in the FY15 Capital Budget that were deferred until additional funds became available.

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ARTICLE #:	9
MOTIONED BY:	FULGINITI
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 9. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ACTUARIAL VALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post-employment benefits liability, including data collection services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Fulginiti

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post-employment benefits liability, including data collection services and that to meet this appropriation, \$12,500 shall be transferred from free cash and \$1,500 shall be transferred from account 01.135.015.6327 voted pursuant to Article 32 of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: The actuarial valuation is a financial reporting requirement that the Town must comply with and must be completed every two years. It determines the estimated unfunded liability for post-employment benefits other than pensions, which are primarily health insurance benefits.

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ARTICLE #:	10
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 10. AUTHORIZATION FOR ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY (ESCO) PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Energy Management Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,184,157 with Ameresco, Inc., in accordance with MGL c. 25A, for a term of up to fifteen (15) years for the turnkey design, installation, commissioning and performance assurance for specific energy infrastructure and efficiency projects in municipal and school buildings as specified in the Investment Grade Energy Audit provided to the Town on September 22, 2014 by Ameresco, Inc., under which the energy savings resulting from the installed energy infrastructure and efficiency projects will be guaranteed by Ameresco, Inc. for the term of the contract as required in MGL c. 25A, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Energy Management Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,184,157 with Ameresco, Inc., in accordance with MGL c. 25A, for a term of up to fifteen (15) years for the turnkey design, installation, commissioning and performance assurance for specific energy infrastructure and efficiency projects in municipal and school buildings as specified in the Investment Grade Energy Audit provided to the Town on September 22, 2014 by Ameresco, Inc., under which the energy savings resulting from the installed energy infrastructure and efficiency projects will be guaranteed by Ameresco, Inc. for the term of the contract as required in MGL c. 25A.

Explanation: This article will allow the Town to enter into an Energy Management Services Agreement which will result in the installation of energy conservation measures which will be paid for through the energy savings achieved.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	11
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS
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ARTICLE 11. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ESCO PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum, an amount not to exceed \$3,184,157 to implement the energy infrastructure and efficiency projects under the Energy Management Services program, under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from savings derived from the energy infrastructure and efficiency projects, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, s. 7 (3B), or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,184,157 to implement the energy infrastructure and efficiency projects under the Energy Management Services program, under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from savings derived from the energy infrastructure and efficiency projects, and to meet such appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, s.7 (3B), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all agreements and to take any and all other actions necessary with respect thereto.

Explanation: This article appropriates the funds to pay for the Energy Savings Performance Contract. The energy savings realized through the project will fund the borrowing principal and interest over the life of the borrowing. The Town will retain all savings in excess of the borrowing costs.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	12
MOTIONED BY:	SMITH
SECONDED BY:	NESTLER
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 12. AUTHORIZE NET METERING CONTRACT FOR ESCO PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Ameresco, Inc., in accordance with MGL c. 25A, for a term of up to twenty (20) years for the purchase of power/net metering credits generated from the installation of solar photovoltaic systems located on Town-owned property and for the lease of Town-owned property for the explicit purpose of siting solar photovoltaic systems exclusively for the benefit of the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Smith

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Ameresco, Inc., in accordance with MGL c. 25A, for a term of up to twenty (20) years for the purchase of power/net metering credits generated from the installation of solar photovoltaic systems located on Town-owned property and for the lease of Town-owned property for the explicit purpose of siting solar photovoltaic systems exclusively for the benefit of the Town.

Explanation: This article allows the Town to enter into a net metering agreement for the installation of solar panel on the High School and Middle School roofs.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	13
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE DISMISSED.

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ARTICLE 13. CPA LAND ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate by transfer from available Community Preservation funds or appropriate by borrowing a sum of money pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land; said land to be restricted for conservation and recreational purposes; and the parcel to be acquired hereunder are more particularly described on a plan on file with the Town Clerk's office, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 13.

Explanation: The CPA Committee is no longer considering purchase of this parcel of land.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE DISMISSED

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ARTICLE #:	14
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	MURPHY
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	NOT RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 14. CPA FUNDING – OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITIZED TREATMENT PLAN

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$95,125.00 from available Community Preservation Funds for the purpose of funding a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Prioritized Treatment Plan to identify and prioritize needs related to structural, mechanical, and architectural rehabilitation and restoration, universal access, and cyclical maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the sum of \$95,125.00 from Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of funding a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Prioritized Treatment Plan at the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall.

Explanation: This article would fund a comprehensive plan for Oakes Ames Memorial Hall which would prioritize needs related to structural, mechanical, and architectural rehabilitation and restoration, universal access, and cyclical maintenance. The resulting plan would outline the physical needs and rehabilitation/restoration priorities for the building and would allow the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association to demonstrate preparedness when fundraising and seeking grant opportunities. The Memorial Hall Association has received a \$30,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to cover the remainder of the cost.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

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ARTICLE #:	15
MOTIONED BY:	NESTLER
SECONDED BY:	CORONA
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	2/3 MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES.

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ARTICLE 15 – AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 114 MAIN STREET, EASTON, MA

To see if the Town will vote to convey a certain parcel of land located at 114 Main Street, said parcel also described as Parcel No.71 on Easton Assessor's Map No. 17U; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to execute any and all agreements and other instruments necessary to effectuate such conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Nestler

Motion: I move that the Town vote to convey a certain parcel of land located at 114 Main Street, said parcel also described as Parcel No.71 on Easton Assessor's Map No. 17U; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to execute any and all agreements and other instruments necessary to effectuate such conveyance.

Explanation: This article would authorize the Selectmen to sell the building and parcel located at 114 Main Street in North Easton Village. The parcel was acquired by the Town from tax title and advertised for sale in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B. The Town will receive a payment of \$151,000 for the building and land and a new pedestrian walkway from the Mechanic Street municipal parking lot to Main Street valued at \$183,161. An economic development of the property would then proceed to seek permits from various Town boards.

Vote Required: Two-thirds majority

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jeremy P. Gillis

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

ARTICLE PASSES



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TOWN MEETING ACTION

ARTICLE #:	16
MOTIONED BY:	MURPHY
SECONDED BY:	SMITH
SELECTMEN:	RECOMMENDED
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	RECOMMENDED
REQUIRED VOTE:	MAJORITY
ACTION:	DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES,

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2014

MEETING TYPE: Special Town Meeting

A quorum of registered voters of the Town Of Easton being present, Town Moderator Walter Galas called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the Warrant Article and record of vote taken at the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the Oliver Ames High School, 100 Lothrop Street, Easton MA 02356:

ARTICLE 16. – ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF LAND – 338 MAIN STREET, EASTON, MA

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of a certain parcel of land located at 338 Main Street, identified as Parcel No. 32 on Assessor's Map 18, said donation to be for general municipal purposes subject to the requirements that the Easton Garden Club shall be permitted to place a suitable sign stating "Welcome to Easton" on the Property; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to execute any and all agreements and other instruments necessary to effectuate such conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the donation of a certain parcel of land located at 338 Main Street, identified as Parcel No. 32 on Assessor's Map 18, said donation to be for general municipal purposes subject to the requirements that the Easton Garden Club shall be permitted to place a suitable sign stating "Welcome to Easton" on the Property; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to execute any and all agreements and other instruments necessary to effectuate such conveyance.

Explanation: This is a gift of a small non-buildable parcel of land located near the Easton/Brockton line.

DECLARED UNANIMOUS VOTE BY MODERATOR GALAS ARTICLE PASSES

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, TOWN CLERK

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Board of Selectmen	508-230-0501
Collector	508-230-0610
Commission on Disabilities	508-230-0586
Conservation Commission	508-230-0640
Council on Aging	508-238-3160
Department of Public Works	508-230-0800
Department of Public Works Water Division	508-230-0850
Fire Department	508-230-3311
Food Pantry	508-230-0670
Housing Authority	508-238-4747
Inspectional Services	508-230-0580
Planning & Community Development	508-230-0630
Planning Board	508-230-0630
Police Department	508-230-3322
Recreation Department	508-238-3084
Town Accountant	508-230-0560
Town Administrator	508-230-0510
Town Clerk	508-230-0530
Treasurer	508-230-0600
Veterans Services Department	508-230-0550
Superintendent of Schools	508-230-3202
Center School	508-230-3233
Easton Middle School	508-230-3222
F.L. Olmsted School	508-230-3205
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Moreau Hall School	508-230-3235
Oliver Ames High School	508-230-3210
Parkview School	508-230-3230

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